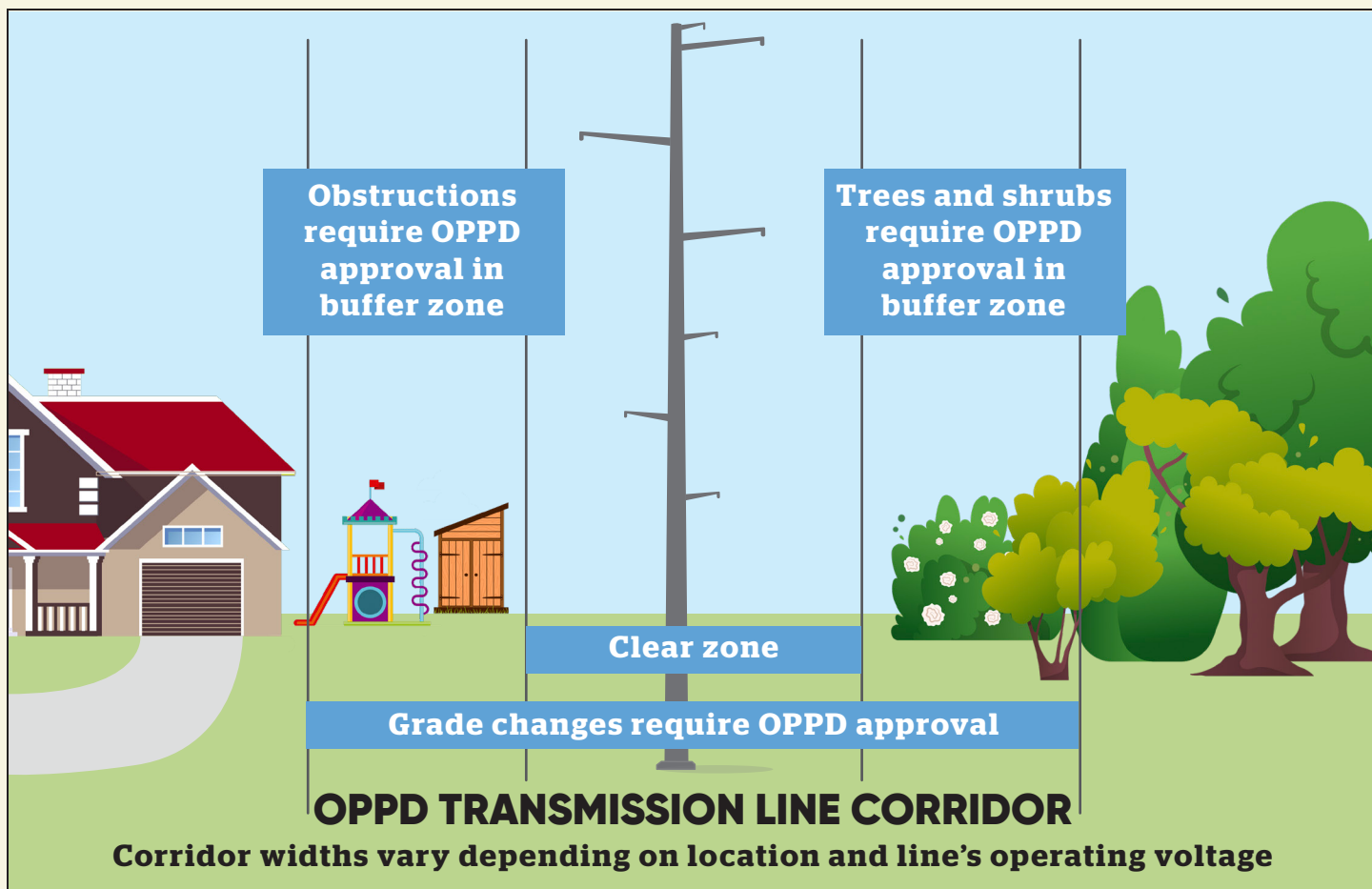


TRANSMISSION CORRIDOR SAFETY CLEARANCES



Transmission lines are the backbone of the OPPD electric system and act as freeways for large amounts of power to flow between substations over long distances in OPPD's territory and the larger interconnected grid in the region. Lower voltage distribution lines act as the highways and streets to transfer the electricity from substations to OPPD customer owners. OPPD must maintain transmission

corridors to be clear of obstructions. Federal regulations have stringent requirements for utilities to ensure vegetation does not interfere with the operation of the transmission system, and utilities can face significant fines for tree-related outages. As part of its commitment to reliability and safety, OPPD must manage our transmission corridors to provide reliable power.

Our goal is to provide reliable power to the households and businesses that depend on us, ensure safety, and maintain access for maintenance and emergency repairs.

Always avoid

- Trees underneath or near overhead extra high-voltage (EHV) lines
- Buildings, sheds, decks, or other structures
- Pools, fountains and ponds
- Changes to the grade of property within an easement without proper approvals

May be allowed, with approval

- Trees shorter than 10 feet under lower voltage transmission lines
- Low vegetation, small shrubs, flowers and vegetable gardens
- Parking lots
- Fences with proper grounding and access gates

Important notes about trees, vegetation and grading



Planting vegetation within or along the edge of an OPPD transmission corridor is done at your own risk. Transmission corridors supporting extra high voltage transmission lines should not have any trees or vegetation.



We may require you to remove vegetation at any time if it interferes with safe, reliable operations. Power lines can sag or sway due to weather conditions, so even vegetation that does not appear to create risk can cause widespread electric power outages and unsafe conditions for the public.



Grade changes - whether to add landscaping or build a parking lot - are not allowed without approval. Our lines are designed with specific clearances for safety purposes.

EASEMENT

Right, privilege, or interest OPPD has in the land of another, allowing OPPD to construct, operate, and maintain transmission lines within an area.

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Designated area within and around the OPPD easement established to ensure safe and efficient operation of transmission lines.

ENCROACHMENT

Non-OPPD use of the easement that OPPD has not permitted in writing . Includes buildings, structures, trees, or any other obstructions.

How we work with you

OPPD works with landowners to keep its transmission corridors encroachment-free. Ultimately, it is your responsibility to seek proper approvals for changes in the space. Unapproved buildings, structures, trees, shrubs, and any other obstructions are subject to removal. OPPD also prohibits grade changes without prior approval.

OPPD has formal processes in place to review customer requests for encroachment and/or grading change variances within a transmission corridor. OPPD will review completed applications based on its current engineering standards and electrical code requirements. You can find the application forms at **OPPD.com > Business > Contractors Reference Library**.

Questions? Reach out to the OPPD Real Property and Land Management team by calling our hotline at (531) 226-3062 or email at **landmanagement@oppd.com**.