



# WEEKLY TAILGATE: QUALIFIED LINE CLEARANCE ARBORISTS

Week of

## CORPORATE MESSAGE

## QUALIFIED LINE CLEARANCE ARBORISTS



Qualified Line Clearance Tree Trimmers should **inspect the work zone to identify electrical hazards** before operations begin.



**Only qualified line clearance tree trimmers (QLCTT), or trainees under their direct supervision, may work where an electrical hazard exists.**



**Minimum Approach Distances, known as MAD,** must be understood and maintained at all times. This is one of our Keys to Life.



If work cannot be performed without adhering to the MAD, then an **outage must be requested** from the Client.



When trimming or pruning near power lines, maintain **positive control** of limbs at all times.

## SAFETY VIDEOS

English: [vimeo.com/townsendcorp/13te](https://vimeo.com/townsendcorp/13te)

Spanish: [vimeo.com/townsendcorp/13ts](https://vimeo.com/townsendcorp/13ts)



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## IMPORTANT REMINDER

## DAILY SAFETY NUGGETS

<b><u>MONDAY</u></b> What is the requirement to work within 10' of a power line? You must be either a Qualified Line Clearance Arborist (QLCTT certified) or be working under the "direct observation" of a Qualified Line Clearance Arborist (QLCTT).
<b><u>TUESDAY</u></b> When an arborist is working within 10' of a power line what is required? Visual or voice communication with a second Qualified Line Clearance Tree Trimmer or a QLCTT trainee is required when working within 10' of a power line.
<b><u>WEDNESDAY</u></b> What distance is to be maintained from an energized power line or component? The appropriate minimum approach distance (MAD) for the voltage present.
<b><u>THURSDAY</u></b> What is one method to remove branches that may be touching energized conductors? A QLCTT or QLCTT Trainee may be able use an insulated tool or a clean dry non-conductor pole pruner to remove the tips of the branches and obtain the proper MAD.
<b><u>FRIDAY</u></b> What is required if you cannot safely trim or remove a tree due to the presence of an energized conductor? In this case you must call for a planned outage on the line. The tree can be worked once the line is deenergized and grounded.
<b><u>SATURDAY</u></b> According to Table 1 in the tailgate session, what is the minimum approach distance for 13.5Kv while working below 5000' elevation? 2'5"

## DRIVE SAFETY TIP

- Adjust Your Attitude**
- Leave yourself *enough time* rather than trying to *make good time*
  - Put yourself in the other driver's shoes
  - Take a deep breath and remember escalating a situation will only make things worse.



## QUALIFIED LINE CLEARANCE ARBORISTS

### Weekly Tailgate Sign-in

Company: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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