



# Right of Way



Up to 25'

## Utility Easement

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Easement Width May Vary

# Understanding Overhead Easements

## What is an utility easement?

A utility easement allows the right to use and access a specific area of another's property for its utility lines and equipment. The property owner still owns the lands, subject to the rights granted to the utility.

The easement is attached to the property's title, so it remains even when the property is transferred or sold.

## Why am I being asked to sign an easement form?

As part of Lansing Board of Water & Light's (BWL) Lansing Energy Tomorrow program, BWL is strengthening the reliability within our service territory that impacts your property. The Overhead Easement Agreement that BWL asks property owner(s) to sign an easement agreement that grants permission to do certain work on your property.

## Will I be compensated for granting an easement?

BWL is offering financial compensation for easements.

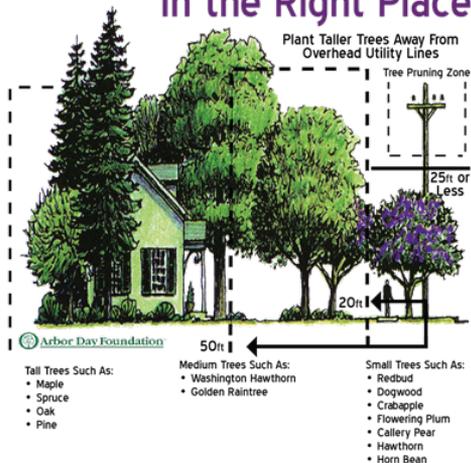
## How much easement area is required?

The standard easement area is up to twenty-five feet wide. This width provides adequate space for the installation and maintenance of electrical equipment. A sketch depicting the proposed easement area, often referred to as a "plat" or "exhibit" will accompany the easement agreement.

## Minimum Planting Distance

Landscaping around our equipment is permissible within guidelines. Typically smaller growth tree species can be placed within the easement boundaries. See the BWL Plant the Right Trees in the Right Place diagram below for more information.

## Plant the Right Tree In the Right Place



## Questions?

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