

RESIDENTIAL TREE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS TAKING PLACE THIS SPRING

The Forestry Bureau of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources is partnering with Alliant Energy and MidAmerican Energy again in 2008 to offer reduced-cost trees to residential customers. The goals of the programs are increased reforestation and energy conservation.

Customers of either Alliant Energy or MidAmerican Energy who live in Iowa can reduce future energy use and at the same time landscape their homes and green up their communities this spring through the program that applies (based on which company provides utility service). Residential customers can purchase up to two, three- to eight-foot landscaping trees for just \$25 each. Each project has a variety of trees available, and typically includes 2-3 shade trees, an ornamental, and a conifer. Advanced orders are required.

Alliant Energy customers can participate in the *Operation ReLeaf* program, which is being held in Boone, Iowa Falls, Keokuk, Lansing, Marion, Mason City, Otley, and Perry. Order forms can be obtained by visiting www.alliantenergy.com/releaf.

MidAmerican Energy customers can take advantage of the *Plant some shade* program, taking place in Council Bluffs, Davenport, Des Moines, Fort Dodge, Indianola, Oskaloosa, and Waterloo. Order forms can be obtained by visiting www.midamericanenergy.com/plantsomeshade.

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