

## **RESIDENTIAL TREE DISTRIBUTION PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR FALL**

DES MOINES – The Forestry Bureau of the Iowa Department of Natural Resources will be partnering with Alliant Energy and MidAmerican Energy again in 2009 to offer reduced-cost trees to residential customers. The goals of the program 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 fall by participating in the program that is offered by their utility service provider. Residential customers can purchase up to two landscape trees for just \$25 or \$30 each (depending on the program). Each project has a variety of trees available, and typically includes 2-3 shade trees, an ornamental, and a conifer. The trees are three to eight feet tall. Advanced orders are required.

Alliant Energy customers can participate in the *Operation ReLeaf* program, which will be held in Ames on October 22, Decorah on October 1, Keokuk on October 3, Marion on October 10, Mason City on October 15, and Toledo on October 8. Order forms can be obtained by visiting [www.alliantenergy.com/releaf](http://www.alliantenergy.com/releaf).

MidAmerican Energy customers can take advantage of the *Plant some shade* program, which will take place in Davenport on October 1, Des Moines on October 3, Iowa City on October 8, Sioux City on October 8, and Waterloo on October 15. Order forms can be obtained by visiting [www.midamericanenergy.com/plantsomeshade](http://www.midamericanenergy.com/plantsomeshade).

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