

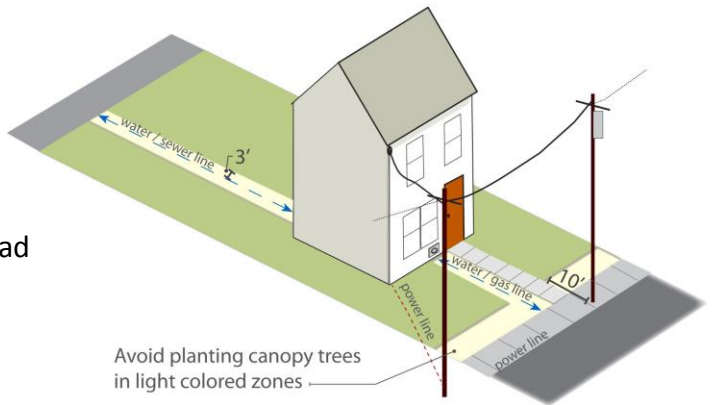
# Right Tree, Right Place, Right at Home!

## A Checklist for Locating Shade Trees in Your Yard

Distances based on medium to large canopy shade tree such as American elm, river birch, and black gum (tupelo).

### Locate and stay clear of utilities

- \_\_\_ Call Miss Utility (1-800-257-7777) to have your underground utility lines marked
- \_\_\_ Plant at least 10 feet from main overhead utility wires on street or alley
- \_\_\_ Avoid planting directly underneath smaller overhead wires that connect to your home or building
- \_\_\_ Plant at least 3 feet from buried utilities. The edge of the planting hole must be at least 18 inches from marked utilities. (DC law)



### Plan for the tree's mature size

Give trees room to grow by planting minimum distances from other objects:

- \_\_\_ Plant at least 10 feet from a building
- \_\_\_ Plant at least 3 feet from sidewalks, driveways, patios, and fences
- \_\_\_ Plant at least 20 feet from other large trees
- \_\_\_ Plant at least 10 feet from small trees



### Plant for shade

Lower your cooling costs by planting trees to shade summer sun.

- \_\_\_ Prioritize your tree planting with the sun's direction to maximize shade by planting on the 1)southwestern and 2)western sides of your home.
- \_\_\_ Planting on the 3)southeastern and 4)southern sides will help shade your home from morning sun.

