

# City of Coral Gables Standard Procedures for FPL Pruning Trees and Removing Palms Away from Electric Wires

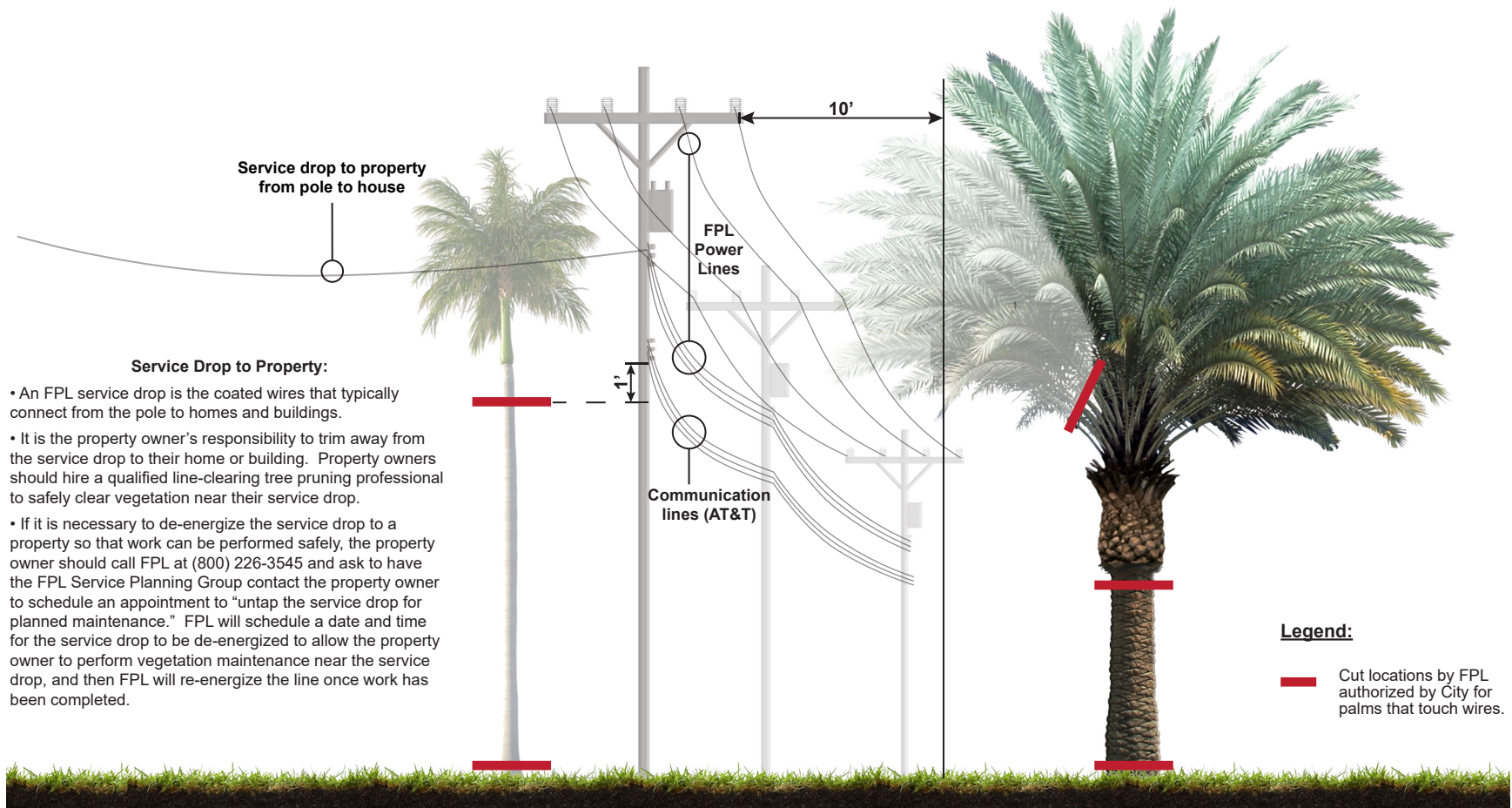
Palms whose fronds touch FPL wires must be removed or relocated by property owner, or FPL will cut to ground level or 1' or more below lowest wire.

## SMALL PALMS OR BAMBOO

Once the fronds of a small palm or bamboo make contact with a wire, FPL will have the authority to remove the entire palm to the ground; where cutting the palm to the ground is not feasible, FPL must cut the palm trunk at least 1-foot or more below the lowest wire (AT&T).

## LARGE PALMS

If tree meets certain conditions, FPL will prune palm back to a safe distance of 10' or more away from electrical wires. But if the palm is too close, City will notify property owner to allow the opportunity for the property owner to relocate palm prior to palm removal by FPL



### Service Drop to Property:

- An FPL service drop is the coated wires that typically connect from the pole to homes and buildings.
- It is the property owner's responsibility to trim away from the service drop to their home or building. Property owners should hire a qualified line-clearing tree pruning professional to safely clear vegetation near their service drop.
- If it is necessary to de-energize the service drop to a property so that work can be performed safely, the property owner should call FPL at (800) 226-3545 and ask to have the FPL Service Planning Group contact the property owner to schedule an appointment to "untap the service drop for planned maintenance." FPL will schedule a date and time for the service drop to be de-energized to allow the property owner to perform vegetation maintenance near the service drop, and then FPL will re-energize the line once work has been completed.

### Legend:

[Red line] Cut locations by FPL authorized by City for palms that touch wires.