

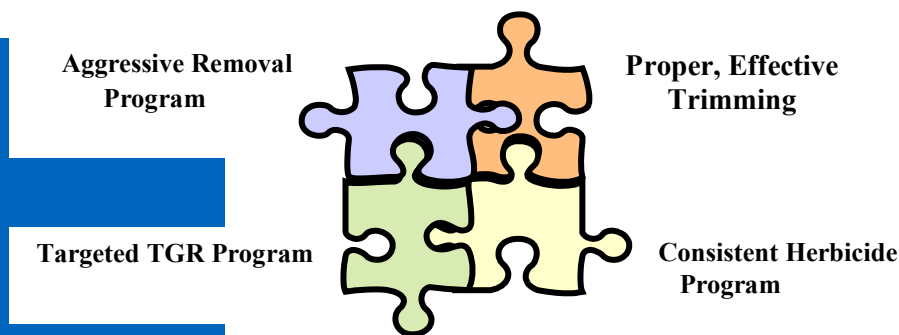
# Reliable Right-Of-Ways

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## Creating a Reliable, Cost Efficient ROW Maintenance Program

To create a reliable, cost efficient **Right-Of-Way** Maintenance program, Utility Managers need to concentrate on four specific subdivisions within their system. Maintenance programs do not produce capital input, but can become less of a monetary drain when Utility Managers think “outside the box” and use methods and equipment beyond the traditional tools of the past.

When incorporating all these factors consistently, a manager will see their <sup>1</sup>trim cycles become more efficient and dependable, cost & time savings due to the <sup>2</sup>reduction or elimination of hot-spotting, and later savings due to <sup>3</sup>less trimming needs in the next cycle of line clearance.



**A consistent herbicide program** is more cost effective because brush density is kept to a minimum. Attempting area reclamation later is more expensive because the size and density of brush requires more chemical use & time.

**Proper Trimming** according to arborist standards (ANSI 300) is essential because it will decrease problematic re-growth, will not create hazard trees in the future, and can redirect growth away from the electric lines.

**An aggressive removal of trees and brush<sub>1</sub>**, using mechanical methods such as mowing & chainsaw, will ultimately reduce future trimming needs.

**A TGR program** needs to be focused and purposeful, this is accomplished by properly selecting and applying ShortStop TGR to candidate trees, and using re-application in place of trimming to achieve the most cost savings.