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HOUSTON—CenterPoint Energy is aiming to help its customers affected by the extreme drought conditions by cutting down some damaged trees free of charge.

The company will cut down any dead or dying trees that could pose a threat to power lines or any of the company's delivery equipment.

CenterPoint will cut down the trees at no cost, but will not remove them from the property. Property owners will be responsible for having the debris removed from their yards.

Interested property owners can call CenterPoint at 713-207-2222 or 1-800-332-7143 to have a representative come out and inspect their trees. If the representative determines the tree is a risk to lines or equipment, an appointment will be scheduled to have it cut down.

If you decide to call, CenterPoint Energy said someone will respond to your home within five business days. If they think the tree or trees need to be removed, it'll take on average two to three weeks for crews to respond.

CenterPoint said crews will respond in a day or so if a tree poses an immediate threat to a power line.