



# How FPL undergrounds power lines

Comparing and contrasting FPL's two main programs for replacing overhead power lines with underground lines to improve reliability in good weather and bad

	Storm Secure Underground Program (SSUP)	Municipality/community-initiated underground conversions
<b>What type of areas are undergrounded?</b>	FPL selects neighborhoods to be part of SSUP based on criteria approved by the Florida Public Service Commission (FPSC), including history of outages during named storms, vegetation-related outages and other reliability data	Municipalities or communities approach FPL for a cost estimate to put power lines underground at their expense
<b>How is a neighborhood selected?</b>	Our annual work plan is approved by the FPSC; FPL doesn't have discretion to move a neighborhood up or down the list	Customers can engage FPL to begin conversion process at any time without needing to meet Florida Public Service Commission selection criteria
<b>Which lines are undergrounded?</b>	Focuses only on neighborhood power lines or "laterals," which are closest to customer; does not include undergrounding of main or "feeder" lines typically seen along major roads 	Typically includes main or "feeder" lines as well as neighborhood power lines or "laterals" 
<b>What about other utility lines?</b>	FPL does not underground other utilities' lines (such as phone, cable) but notifies them of its plans should they wish to coordinate	Projects usually include coordination with other utilities (such as phone, cable)
<b>What happens to poles?</b>	While FPL removes its overhead lines and equipment when undergrounding is complete, poles remain if other utilities (such as phone, cable) do not underground their lines	Poles removed when all lines are placed underground
<b>Who pays for it?</b>	There are no out-of-pocket upfront costs required for SSUP. Rather, the costs are recovered from all customers through a Storm Protection Plan monthly charge approved by the FPSC, which includes SSUP and several other storm-protection programs.	Costs paid by municipalities or communities that convert to underground; discounts available per FPL tariff; most costs recovered by municipalities or communities through special assessment on their taxpayers/community members
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