

Madison Gas and Electric (MGE) is upgrading the electric system in the Village of Shorewood Hills to enhance service reliability and to provide a more efficient delivery of electricity.

This work will involve replacing aging facilities and installing some new underground electric lines throughout the Village, as well as replacing or removing existing overhead power lines. Due to its scale, the project will be addressed in multiple phases. Work is scheduled to begin in early 2023 and will continue through 2024.

Visit mge.com/shorewoodhills to view a draft map of the project phases.

Why is this work needed?

Storms and wind can cause trees to fall or branches to bend or break into overhead electrical wires. Even small limbs that grow into and touch a high-voltage electric line can cause a short circuit, electrical outage or fire. Installing new underground high-voltage electric lines in parts of the Village will enhance reliability and reduce the need for tree trimming.

And, as part of this project, MGE also will be installing enhanced electric grid monitoring and control technology to help reduce the duration of storm-related outages when they do occur.

How will this project impact me?

Easements

- To reduce the impact to private properties, MGE will coordinate with the Village to use road right-of-way as much as possible to access the lines and equipment being upgraded.
- Because many of the overhead lines are located along the rear lot lines of private homes, we will be requesting easements from some property owners. MGE will contact those property owners individually.
- Not all properties will require an easement.

Planned Outages

- Electric service outages will occur throughout the project, but they are expected to be minimal.
- We will communicate planned outages in advance.

Tree Pruning

- Not all properties will require tree pruning, but it may be required in some areas to create safe clearances for the new wires and equipment.
- An ISA Certified Arborist from MGE will contact property owners before any work is performed.

Overhead Service Lines

- This project does not include the conversion of overhead electric wires to individual meters on customers' homes. If you'd like to bury your electric service lines to your home, please visit mge.com/bury to learn about the process and estimated costs.

Please visit mge.com/shorewoodhills for more information.
We will update this page throughout the project as new information becomes available.
If you have additional questions, please email MGE at ShorewoodHills@mge.com.