

Understanding Easements

As part of the process of placing the power line underground to serve your home, Florida Power & Light Company may require written permission to enter your property.



What is an easement?

An easement is written permission to enter onto property owned by another for a stated purpose, such as to install, maintain, repair and replace electric equipment. An easement is a formal legal document recorded in the public records of the county where the property is located.

Why am I being asked to sign an easement?

FPL requires an easement demonstrating your permission for FPL to enter onto your property to install, maintain, repair and/or replace underground power lines and other equipment. An easement must be notarized and witnessed by two people who are not immediate family members. If you need assistance with this process, your FPL customer outreach specialist can help.

How much easement area is required?

The standard easement area for this project is 10 feet by 10 feet. This area provides adequate space to install, maintain, repair and replace electric equipment. In some cases, the easement may be wider depending on the equipment necessary to install.

What does it mean if my property has an underground easement?

An underground easement gives FPL permission to perform work within the easement area. You still retain ownership of the property. You will need to maintain the easement area and your surrounding property to ensure FPL can access its easement.

Can I plant landscaping around the equipment on my property?

Landscaping around our equipment is permissible within certain guidelines. Plantings must be at least 3 feet from the back and sides of the equipment and 8 feet from the front. Remember to always call 811 before you dig to ensure your safety and prevent damage to any underground equipment.