

Intro to UVM: Why, How and What Not to Touch - Samuel Prestidge

Utility Vegetation Management (UVM) has been around since the first power lines were hung. Generally UVM is not a widely covered topic. This Intro will discuss what UVM consists of, some of the reasons why UVM is performing the way that it is and how utilities decide what should be done, with a focus on safe practice for non-qualified individuals. The existing utility lines and vegetation near the campus will be the focus of the conversation.

Presenter Bio –

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