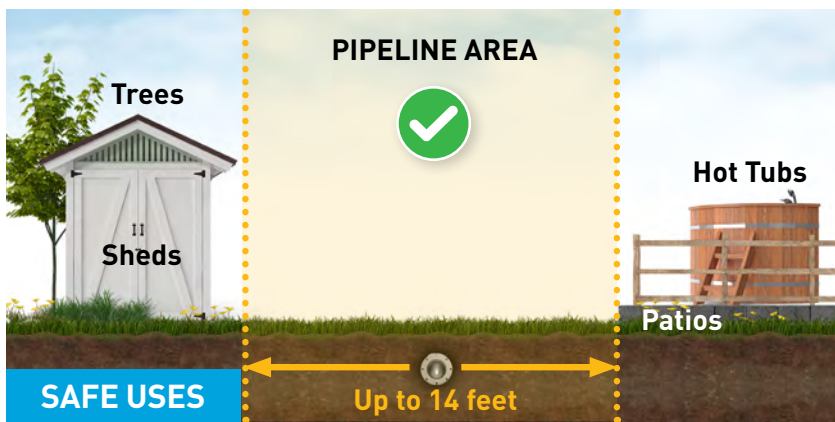




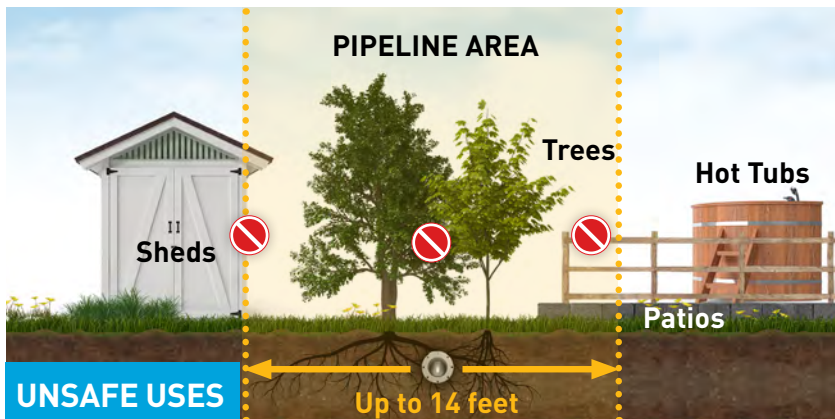
Working Together to Keep the Pipeline Safe

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Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) most important responsibility is the safety of our customers and communities. **That's why we are working closely with customers to keep the areas above the gas transmission pipelines safe and clear of structures, trees and brush** that can block emergency access or damage the pipe.



Trees and **structures typically need to be at least 14 feet from the pipe** to keep the community and pipeline safe. More information about safe plantings can be found on the next page.



If we find items that could pose a safety concern, **we work closely with the property owner to remove or relocate those items further away from the pipeline.**

How Utility Best Practices Guide this Work

PG&E follows recommendations from the **U.S. Department of Transportation's Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration** and **Pipelines and Informed Planning Alliance**, as well as the **Public Awareness for Pipeline Operators' American Petroleum Institute**.

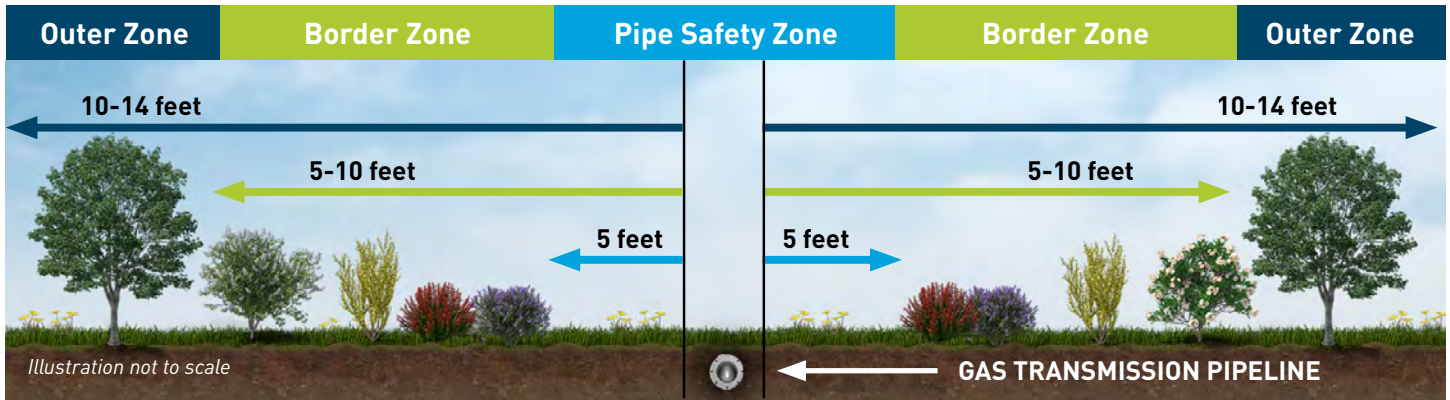
Recommendations include:

- **Ensuring trees and other vegetation won't prevent the ability to access, inspect and maintain** the transmission pipeline for the safety of the community.
- **Avoiding planting trees and other vegetation with roots** that may reach down to the pipeline and **physically impact the pipe** or its protective coating.

Safe Landscaping Near Pipeline

Help keep the area above and around a pipeline safe by choosing the right plant for the right location. Many types of low-growing plants and shrubs work well near the pipe, while trees should be planted at least 10-14 feet away from the pipeline. For trees, we look at a number of factors including **location, size when fully grown, species and distance to pipe to ensure they won't block access or damage the pipe.**

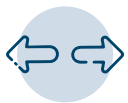
Structures typically need to be at least 14 feet from the pipe to keep the community and pipe safe. Download our Guide to Safe Landscaping at pge.com/safelandscaping for more information.



Why Newly Planted Trees Pose a Safety Concern

While newly planted trees might not seem like a safety concern, depending on the species and the potential size of the tree when it is fully grown, it may be identified as a safety risk and need to be removed. This is because it can block access when fully grown or damage the pipeline as it grows.

If we identify a new planting that poses a safety concern, we will work with the property owner to relocate or remove the tree. **We can assist with:**



Identifying a safe distance to relocate the new planting.



Providing recommended contractors to assist with relocating the tree.



How the Community Can Help

By working together, PG&E and the community can reduce safety risks and help prevent accidents. **You can help by:**

Calling 811 two days before starting a digging or landscaping project.

Following our Guide to Safe Landscaping to plant the right trees in the right location.

Ensuring structures are placed at least 14 feet from the pipeline.



If you have any questions about this gas safety work, please call **1-800-743-5000**, or visit pge.com/gasveg.