Making Improvements to Your Property?
Check For Utility Easements

Getting Started
Pacific Gas and Electric Company’s (PG&E) gas and electric system is designed to deliver safe energy to customers across the region. It is common for our infrastructure to run underground and out-of-sight, which means that just because you can’t see it, doesn’t mean it’s not there. So if you are considering a home or business improvement project, for the safety of you, your contractor and your community, be aware of any PG&E facilities or land use restrictions for your property.

Before you get started on a project that involves construction, demolition, landscaping or any modification to your property, take a moment to answer these important safety questions:

- Is there a PG&E natural gas pipeline running under my property?
- Is there a PG&E electric power line running above my property?
- Is there a recorded PG&E easement which restricts certain uses on my property?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, or if you are not 100% sure, PG&E is here to help you get the answers you need to make your project a success.

Easements Made Easy
If there is a PG&E overhead or buried utility on your property, such as a natural gas transmission pipeline or high-voltage electric power line, there will typically be an easement agreement reflected in your property’s title report. If you cannot locate your title report, copies can be obtained through the County recorder’s office, or your title company may be willing to provide you with a copy.

Carefully review the title report and look for references to PG&E, utilities, easements, rights-of-way, land use restrictions, or other language that may restrict certain land uses on or near your property.

Planning a Safe Project
If your property has an existing utility easement or right-of-way, you will need to plan your project accordingly. Depending on the type of PG&E facility located on or near your property, there may be restrictions on what can be planted, placed or built. Contact PG&E in the early planning stages and our engineers and land agents will review your plans and help ensure that your project is compatible with critical infrastructure and safe for you and your neighbors.

When in Doubt, Call Us
We encourage you to contact us with any questions at (800) 743-5000 and ask for the Land Management Department for your local area. To learn more about safety around gas and electric facilities, please visit www.pge.com/safety.
The following are basic guidelines regarding uses on or within PG&E’s right-of-way. For more specific guidance, always consult with PG&E’s Land Management Department and be aware of any easements that may place land use restrictions on your property.

### Underground Gas Pipelines

Structures like sheds, gazebos, and decks, as well as certain trees and shrubs, should not be placed above or near a natural gas transmission pipeline.

Compatible Uses

Incompatible Uses

More information can be found at: [www.pge.com/pipelineaccess](http://www.pge.com/pipelineaccess) or by calling us at (800) 743-5000.

### Electric Power Lines

Trees should not be planted below or near high-voltage electric transmission power lines.

Compatible Uses

Incompatible Uses

More information can be found at: [www.pge.com/trees](http://www.pge.com/trees) or by calling us at (800) 743-5000.

### Hydro-electric Facilities

PG&E’s water canals deliver water to our hydro-electric generating power plants. Construction of bridges, decks, or other structures near PG&E water canals can impede the safe operation of our hydro-electric systems.

Compatible Uses

Incompatible Uses

More information can be found at: [www.pge.com/safety](http://www.pge.com/safety) or by calling us at (800) 743-5000.

### Call 811 Before You Dig

Damage from excavation is the most common cause of underground utility accidents. If you plan on doing any digging, such as planting a tree or installing a fence, please call 811 before you dig. With one free call to Underground Service Alert (USA) at least two working days in advance, PG&E will send a crew to mark the underground gas and electric facilities before you begin work, helping you to plan a safe project.