PG&E’s most important responsibility is the safety of our customers and communities. As part of our safety efforts, our Gas Transmission Vegetation Management program keeps the area above and around the gas transmission pipeline clear of items that can block access for safety crews in an emergency or for critical maintenance work.

PG&E crews regularly inspect the area above and around the pipeline to make sure it is clear of vegetation or structures that could pose a safety concern. During inspections, crews walk the pipeline and look for any new structures, trees or brush that could block access. Crews will also review trees previously left in place to make sure they have not developed into a safety concern.

Based on the results of an inspection, we may need to remove trees, brush and/or resprouted vegetation that are located too close to the pipeline and pose a safety concern.

- For any newly-planted tree, brush or resprouted vegetation, PG&E follows industry best practices and PG&E vegetation standards that recommend keeping the area above and around the pipeline clear.
- For trees previously left in place, our crews review the tree’s health and site conditions to confirm that they have not developed into a safety concern.

We also look for new structures that are located too close to the pipeline and could block emergency access to the pipe. If any safety issues are found during an inspection, PG&E will work directly with the property owner to share information about the work and develop a path forward.

Learn More

More information on PG&E’s Gas Transmission Vegetation Management program is available on our website at pge.com/Gasveg.