Keeping Customers and Communities Safe

PG&E uses a number of programs to help keep trees and shrubs away from electric powerlines and equipment, which could cause a wildfire or power outage. As part of this safety work, we inspect approximately 81,000 miles of electric distribution lines and equipment.

To continue to provide safe and reliable service to our communities, we perform different vegetation work depending on the type of electric equipment and surrounding environment. High Fire-Threat District (HFTD) areas, as defined by the California Public Utilities Commission, may experience more work throughout the year. The following is an overview of key vegetation management programs along distribution powerlines.

Understanding Utility Lines

1. **TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION LINES**
   PG&E is responsible for maintaining required clearances around transmission and distribution lines and also clears vegetation from secondary lines if strain or abrasion are identified.

2. **COMMUNICATION LINES**
   Communications lines for television, internet or phone services are owned and maintained by the service provider, not PG&E.

3. **SERVICE DROP**
   Customers are required to maintain a clear route for the electric service drop wire from the pole to the service delivery point of a home or business.
### Routine Vegetation Management

**WORK DETAILS**
- Pruning or cutting down dead, diseased, dying and defective trees
- Maintaining a year-round minimum clearance around electric distribution lines
  - 1.5 feet in non-High Fire-Threat Districts
  - 4 feet, with recommended 12 feet minimum at time of prune in High Fire-Threat Districts

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<td>General Order (GO) 95, Rule 35, Public Resource Code (PRC) 4293</td>
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### Drought and Tree Mortality Response

**WORK DETAILS**
- Conducting an additional inspection to ensure clearance requirements
- Cutting down all dead, dying and diseased trees

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### Enhanced Vegetation Management

**WORK DETAILS**
- Ensuring a minimum clearance of 4 feet around electric distribution lines, with recommended 12 feet minimum clearance at time of prune
- Pruning limbs and branches that overhang the 4-foot clearance zone
- Cutting down dead, diseased, dying and defective trees
- Evaluating trees that may need to be addressed if they are tall enough to strike electric distribution lines or equipment

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### System Hardening

**WORK DETAILS**
To support strengthening the electric system with stronger poles, covered powerlines and undergrounding, this work includes:
- Pruning or cutting down dead, diseased, dying or defective trees that may compromise powerlines
- Maintaining a minimum clearance of 4 feet around powerlines and establishing minimum clearances of 12 feet at time of prune
- In some cases, cutting down trees and shrubs within 12 feet of the powerlines in order to safely install new electric equipment

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### Pole Clearing

**WORK DETAILS**
- Removing all flammable material and vegetation in a 10-foot radius around the base of electric distribution poles
- Removing brush, limbs and foliage up to 8 feet above the ground
- Removing dead, dying, diseased or defective vegetation from 8 feet above the ground to the top of electric distribution lines

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### Utility Defensible Space

**WORK DETAILS**
Within a 50-foot radius, this work includes:
- Clearing brush and shrubs where possible
- Trimming grasses to 4 inches in height
- Removing surface-level fuels such as fallen leaves, needles, twigs, barks, cones and small branches
- Pruning tree branches that are within 6 feet from the ground

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We want you to be aware of this safety work. Customers can expect PG&E to reach out with notifications prior to conducting work. If you have any questions, please contact wildfiresafety@pge.com or 1-877-295-4949. You can also learn more by visiting pge.com/trees.

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