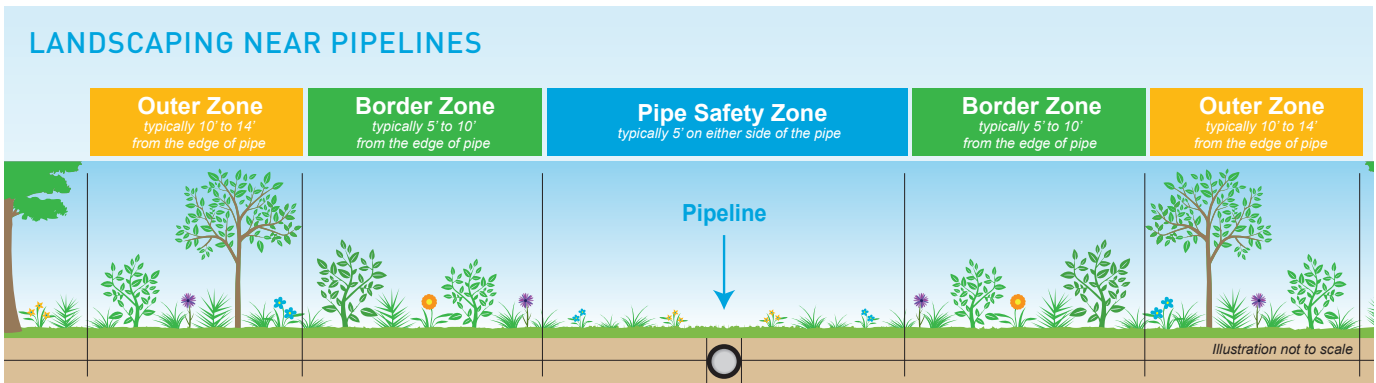




# Guide to Safe Uses Near Pipelines

PG&E has been working with our customers and communities to ensure the area around our natural gas transmission pipelines is safe and clear of items that could cause damage to the pipe or prevent access in an emergency or for critical maintenance activities. This work includes making sure trees and brush are planted a safe distance from the pipe and that there are no sheds or other structures that could impede access or threaten the integrity of the pipeline.

**Going forward, it's critical that PG&E ensure the area around the gas transmission pipeline remains clear as required by regulatory code and in compliance with our utility standard (TD-4490S).** The following are some helpful guidelines for safe uses above and around pipelines.



<b>Pipe Safety Zone</b>	<b>Trees and vegetation obstructing the line of sight and access should not be planted in this zone.</b> Lawns, flowers, low-profile grasses and low-growing herbaceous plants are permitted.
<b>Border Zone</b>	<b>Large shrubs and trees should not be planted in this zone.</b> Small to medium shrubs with a trunk or main branch less than 8" Diameter at Breast Height (DBH) at full maturity are permitted.
<b>Outer Zone</b>	<b>Trees that could exceed 36" DBH at maturity should not be planted in this zone.</b> Large shrubs and small trees with a trunk less than 36" DBH at full maturity are permitted.

### STRUCTURES NEAR PIPELINES

**SHEDS**

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**Compatible Uses**

- Patios or concrete slabs
- Sport courts
- Flower beds or vegetation gardens
- Livestock grazing
- Vinyl, wood and/or chain link fences may cross the pipeline if there are no fence posts installed within five feet of either side of the pipeline.

**Incompatible Uses**

- Buildings or storage sheds
- Pools, hot tubs or wells
- Gazebos, overhanging roofs or balconies
- Decks or foundation
- Brick, concrete or block walls (subject to limits)
- Signs
- Other impermeable hard surfaces
- Storage of heavy equipment
- Pile driving or blasting

Please note easement widths can vary and property owners should refer to their title report in advance of construction.