

Tree and power line safety

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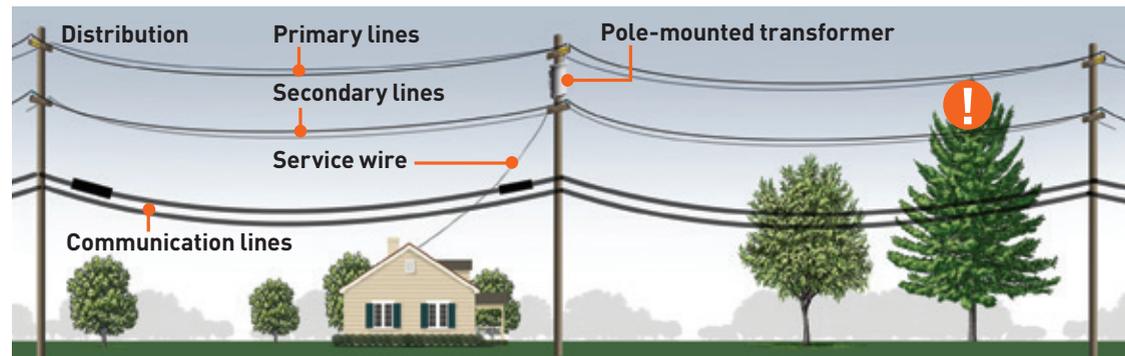
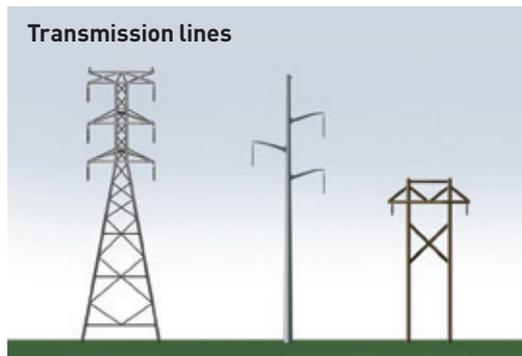


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Our overhead power line safety guide provides you with information about the different types of power lines we use and helps you understand when tree work is performed to maintain required safety clearances.

Overhead power lines and tree safety

Different types of overhead lines may be visible in your neighborhood. Tree safety work and vegetation clearance requirements will vary depending upon the type of line.



PG&E power lines

Transmission

Usually located on large metal towers up to 180 feet tall, they transport high-voltage electricity and typically serve entire cities and towns.

We maintain year-round tree clearances around transmission lines to reduce the likelihood of power outages across large areas. Only low-growing shrubs are permitted under the wire zone, and trees along the border of the transmission line right-of-way must be no taller than 10 feet.

Distribution–primary

Usually located at the top of wood poles above the pole-mounted transformer, they deliver into local neighborhoods.

We maintain a minimum clearance of 18 inches around these power lines, with high fire-threat areas requiring a minimum 4-foot clearance.

Distribution–secondary

Usually located below primary lines on the same poles beneath the pole-mounted transformer, they typically carry electricity directly to customer homes or businesses through connected service wires.

We clear vegetation from secondary lines if we determine there is strain or abrasion.

Service wires

Wires that connect directly from secondary lines to your home or business.

Customers are responsible for maintaining service wires free of vegetation. You can request a free temporary service disconnect so that you or a contractor can perform the work safely.

! If you see trees or vegetation growing too close to overhead power lines that are maintained by PG&E, or to request a free temporary service disconnect, please contact us at **1-800-743-5000**.

Non-PG&E lines

Communication lines

Lowest lines on the wood utility pole.

These are typically telecommunication wires, which are usually black and appear thicker than power lines. We do not own or maintain these wires, and it's common to see trees and vegetation near them. If you have concerns, contact your community phone, internet or cable service provider.

Learn more

For more information about tree and power line safety, visit [pge.com/trees](https://www.pge.com/trees) or call 1 800 743 5000.

Thank you for your assistance as we work to ensure safety and electric reliability in your community.