

## Enhanced Vegetation Management

To face the growing threat of wildfires, PG&E is working every day to improve the safety of our electric system and reduce wildfire risks.

PG&E's plan to reduce the likelihood of wildfires includes meeting and exceeding state vegetation and safety standards across our service territory.

The state of California requires us to maintain adequate clearance around our distribution lines in areas that are designated by the state to be at an elevated or extreme risk of wildfires.

In response, we have expanded and enhanced vegetation safety work, to address vegetation that poses a higher potential for wildfire risk in high fire threat areas.

Our enhanced vegetation management work exceeds state standards for minimum clearances around power lines, including trimming overhanging limbs and branches above power lines, conducts additional inspections beyond routine patrols to remove hazardous vegetation, such as dead, diseased, dying or defective trees that could harm power lines or equipment.

This work is done year round to support compliance with state standards.

In 2019, our enhanced program cut down, pruned or trimmed vegetation around nearly 2,500 miles of distribution lines.

In 2020 and beyond, as part of a multi-year effort, our enhanced vegetation management work will continue throughout other high fire threat areas across the service territory, completing an additional 1800 distribution circuit miles each year.

This work is one of several proactive measures PG&E is taking as part of our comprehensive Community Wildfire Safety Program, which includes short, medium and long-term plans to make our entire system safer from Bakersfield to Eureka.

Our enhanced vegetation management is performed in addition to our routine vegetation management program.

To protect public safety, we are taking steps every day to improve the safety and reliability of our electric system.

This includes working with customers and communities to manage trees and other vegetation located near power lines that could cause a wildfire or power outage.

Our routine vegetation management program inspects approximately 100,000 miles of overhead power lines every year, with some locations patrolled multiple times a year, prunes or removes more than 1 million trees annually to maintain clearance from power lines, removes dead, diseased, dying, or defective trees, primarily in areas affected by drought and bark beetles.

Since 2014, we have also provided more than \$15 million in funding to support local fire safe councils in their efforts to improve fire safety in communities.

These funded fire safe council projects include fuel breaks and improvements to fire evacuation routes and emergency access roads.

Trees are a big part of what make the natural environment of northern and central California unique and beautiful.

PG&E values and appreciates trees and the natural environment.

However, trees that are too close to, or threaten power lines, can be dangerous and expose the communities we serve to wildfire risk.

We all rely on electricity every day and we will continue to work with our customers on solutions that can prevent major wildfires and keep our communities safe.

for the latest on PG&E's wildfire safety efforts, visit [pge.com/cwsp](http://pge.com/cwsp).