

Safe Planting – Video Transcript

Hi, my name's Jessica Henderson and I'm a Vegetation Operations Inspector with Pacific Gas and Electric. At PG&E, keeping our customers safe while preserving California's natural beauty is our most important priority. That's why we trim and remove trees near powerlines and electric equipment to keep the power on and our communities safe from wildfires. This starts by always planting the right tree in the right place. Did you know that you can also help keep your community safe?

It's important to plant trees and other landscaping a safe distance from powerlines, pipelines, and other PG&E equipment. Before doing any digging or planting, call 8 1 1 at least two working days ahead of time. A crew member will mark any underground utilities for free. Then, check our safe planting guidelines to see how far away to plant from PG&E equipment. It's important to not plant any trees in the wire or pipe zones, the areas closest to powerlines and pipelines.

Even small trees can grow tall or have large roots and pose a safety concern. What is safe to plant also depends on where you live. Check to see if you live in a High Fire-Threat District by looking at the California Public Utilities Commission's map. Once you know where you're planting and what type of equipment it will be near, you can choose a type of plant. When choosing plants, it's important to think about how tall they will grow so they don't touch the powerlines.

By being mindful of the tree's mature height, we can avoid future trimming or removal. We can all work together to keep ourselves and our neighbors safe. Learn more at pge.com/righttreerightplace.