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Keeping trees away from powerlines

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Dear PG&E Customer,

Our most important responsibility is the safety of our customers and the communities we serve. As part of this responsibility, we work every day to keep trees and other vegetation at a safe distance from powerlines, poles and towers to prevent wildfires and ensure reliable power. Our efforts are making the system safer while allowing us to better respond to climate challenges.

As part of our ongoing safety efforts, every year we:

- Inspect approximately 100,000 miles of overhead powerlines
- Cut down dead, diseased, defective or dying trees with the potential to strike the powerlines
- Maintain a minimum clearance of 1.5 feet around powerlines with a minimum clearance of 4 feet in high fire-threat areas
- In some cases, prune trees to 12 feet minimum around powerlines in order to maintain clearance year-round
- Perform additional inspections and tree work in areas with high fire risk

When performing our vegetation safety work, as required by law, we do our best to preserve trees. However, if a tree threatens public safety and the electric system's reliability, it must be addressed. Through these efforts, we are not only meeting, but exceeding state standards to keep our communities safe.

Your efforts can also keep your home and community safe. Keeping your home clear of dead or dry vegetation, with adequate defensible space, can help protect your family and home. Defensible space is the buffer you create between a building on your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any

wildland area that surround it. This space is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and it helps protect your home from catching fire—either from embers, direct flame contact or radiant heat. Proper defensible space also provides firefighters a safe area to work in, to defend your home.

You can reduce future pruning and promote safety by [planting the right tree in the right place](#).

Visit our [vegetation management page](#) to learn more about managing trees and vegetation near powerlines and poles.

Sincerely,
PG&E Customer Care Team