

Protect Your Trees (PG&E Tree Removal)

PG&E has begun a massive tree and vegetation removal program in the San Lorenzo Valley and greater Santa Cruz Area in the interest of wildfire safety. If you are concerned about preserving trees or vegetation on your property, here are some actions you can take.

1. **Check** for power lines or poles on your property. If there are trees or vegetation within 15 feet on either side of the lines or poles, they may be trimmed or completely removed by PG&E. This could include large redwood trees.
2. **Contact** PG&E via phone and email to let them know there are trees or vegetation on your property that you would like to protect. You may also want to put signs on specific trees to let ground crews know which trees you want to protect.
3. **Email** County Supervisor Bruce McPherson. His office is tracking concerns from local property owners and residents. Let him know if PG&E staff or ground crews have threatened you with adverse action for trying to protect your trees.
4. **If** you see a painted "X" on a tree, that means it will be removed. If you see a dot on a tree that means it will be trimmed ground-to-sky, including redwood trees. Contact PG&E by phone and email about your wish to protect those trees.

Residents can refuse or negotiate tree removal. PG&E may ask property owners to sign a statement to that effect. PG&E will continue trying to educate property owners about the vegetation removal program. If you are a homeowner, for more information about how to protect your trees visit www.valleywomensclub.org.

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