



October 30, 2016

MI WUK-SUGAR PINE FIREPROTECTION DISTRICT
OR CURRENT RESIDENT
PO BOX 530
MI WUK VILLAGE CA 95346

Tree(s) on your property that are near power lines may need pruning or removal. Read below to learn if you qualify for the expanded debris and wood management program.

Dear Valued Customer:

California is in a state of emergency due to the drought and the tree mortality epidemic associated with bark beetle infestations. Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) is hard at work to inspect and remove dead and dying trees that might fall into electrical lines, which may cause wildfires or electrical outages.

We will post a notice if we need to do tree work on your property

Contract arborists will be inspecting trees in your area and identifying trees that are dead or dying with an "X" if they need to be pruned or removed. We may identify dead or dying tree(s) on your property and we will notify you by posting the property with a notice. If you have a structure on your property, the arborist will leave a door hanger notifying you of the tree work and a contact number. Otherwise, we will post notices on trees near the access road. **If we do not hear from you within 10 days of the posting, we will proceed with the tree work.**

What you can expect

In the coming weeks, you will see PG&E's contract tree crews, with trucks and other equipment as we perform the tree work. For the trees that we work, branches less than 4 inches in diameter will either be chipped and hauled away or will be cut into smaller pieces and scattered to a height no greater than 18 inches from the ground. Larger wood will be left on site for the property owner. Cut stumps that have the ability to re-sprout will have an EPA-approved herbicide applied to the cut surface to prevent re-growth. These services are free and provided to our customers, at no cost.

Participation in the debris and wood management program

Additionally, in the following ten counties: Amador, Calaveras, El Dorado, Fresno, Kern, Madera, Mariposa, Placer, Tulare, and Tuolumne, a special debris and wood management program is now available. For trees that qualify, you can choose to keep the larger wood or have PG&E crews cut the wood in manageable lengths and leave on your property; chip and spread chips on-site (diameter is dependent on chipper size and access); or give the larger wood to PG&E and we will haul all the larger wood away.

Does your tree qualify for the special wood management program?

It may qualify, if the tree was felled by PG&E in 2016 and the debris fits the following criteria:

- Wood is greater than 4 inches in diameter;
- Debris is within 100 feet of permanent structures (not including moveable or temporary buildings or carports); and
- Debris is within 20 feet of serviceable roadways or reasonably accessible by equipment/machinery.

Trust only qualified tree contractors around electric lines

The Division of Occupational Safety and Health (OSHA) does not allow non-qualified tree workers within 10 feet of high voltage power lines. Tree removal is dangerous and we strongly recommend that homeowners leave the work to our qualified tree contractors and do not attempt to do it themselves.



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Questions?

If you are interested, you want more information about this special program, or just have questions, please call 800-PGE(743)-5000.

We appreciate your partnership in managing the dead trees and drought. Removing dead or dying trees near power lines is part of our commitment to provide our customers with safe, reliable, affordable and clean energy.

Sincerely,

Patrick Denney
Vegetation Program Manager
Vegetation Management



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