



2018

SCE TREE PRUNING AND REMOVAL PROGRAM

This fact sheet is an update from Southern California Edison (SCE) regarding tree pruning and removals for public safety in SCE's territory.

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BEFORE



AFTER



MORE INFORMATION:

For more information on Utility Vegetation Management activities:



International Society of Arboriculture

isa-arbor.com



gotouaa.org



arborday.org

Compliance with Environmental Regulations

SCE works with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) and other regulatory agencies to ensure that environmental requirements are met. The USFS and SCE have identified and mapped environmentally sensitive areas, in which environmentalist and archeologist monitors are at these locations during tree removals, brush clearing and routine tree pruning..

Criteria for Tree Removals

SCE conducts Annual Routine Compliance inspections to identify and remove trees that may threaten SCE facilities or power lines..

SCE also offers tree removals on a case by case basis that meet the following:

- Fast growing tree species
- Palm trees
- Incompatible trees within and around SCE Transmission right-of-way (ROW) corridors

SCE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

SCE Mission

The safety of our customers, communities and employees is our top priority and a core value here at SCE.

SCE intends to prune or remove trees to provide safe and reliable service and ensure compliance with governmental regulations. Generally, these include:

- California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) General Order (G.O.) 95, Rule 35 and 37;
- California Public Resources Code (PRC), Sections 4292 and 4293;
- North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), and California Independent System Operator (CAISO) transmission standards
- Cal-OSHA Title 8 provisions, and current revisions of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) Z133-20122

SCE requires work to be performed consistent with industry accepted practices.

Examples include: ANSI A300 (Part1) Pruning, ANSI A300 (Part 7) IVM, and ANSI A300 (Part 9) Tree Risk Assessments

Southern California Edison (SCE) intends to comply with applicable laws, ensure public safety, and electrical service reliability. SCE hires qualified contractors to prune and remove trees threatening SCE electrical facilities.

SOME QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Can SCE assist my tree worker to prune trees around power lines?

Yes. Only qualified workers should prune around power lines. SCE offers “make-safe clearing” and will remove vegetation a minimum of 10 radial feet from our high voltage power lines.

What are some safety requirements?

Applicable regulations can be found on Cal-OSHA's website under Title 8 Regulations. Also, pursuant to Cal-OSHA Standards 1910.331-1910.335, “an unqualified electrical worker/person working in elevated positions near overhead lines shall not come closer than ten (10) feet to an overhead electrical conductor with their person, tools, and equipment for voltages to ground of 50,000 volts or below.”

When should I contact SCE regarding trees and power lines?

Whenever you have questions about our vegetation management activities or if you have any concerns about trees located near SCE power lines.

How do I contact SCE to request their assistance?

For all inquiries, please contact

Customer Support:

(800) 655-4555 or sce.com



What Property Owners Need to Know

For more information about SCE's Vegetation Management Programs, please visit sce.com

Search “SCE Power Lines & Trees” for information on keeping trees away from power lines.

Also check out the “SCE Right Tree, Right Place” brochure on working with SCE to keep your yard green, and safe.

sce.com

