

HAZARD TREE FACT SHEET

WHY IS SCE REMOVING TREES?

The safety of our customers, communities and employees is our No. 1 priority. State regulations require utilities to trim or remove trees and vegetation so they don't grow or fall into high-voltage power lines, which could not only cause a power outage but could spark a fire or be a danger to the public. Trained SCE personnel have inspected trees throughout SCE's service area and have identified site and/or tree conditions that pose a hazard. Trees that pose a hazard must be mitigated which can mean complete removal.



WHAT IS A HAZARD TREE?

Hazard trees are trees, or portions of trees, that may strike our overhead equipment. Tree, site and environmental conditions are all considered when assessing whether a tree is a hazard. Every tree in a high fire risk area that is within striking distance of our overhead equipment will be assessed for its potential to fail or make contact with our equipment.



WHY IS SCE REMOVING SO MANY TREES AT ONE TIME?

SCE understands that removing trees can be disruptive to the community, but the work is necessary in high fire risk areas for public safety. Based on a hazard assessment tool created by certified arborists, SCE assesses each tree within striking distance of SCE equipment to determine if the tree is deemed a hazard. Tree removal crews specially trained to work near power lines will remove the tree. They include crews working for Core Tree Care, Mowbray's Tree Service and Utility Tree Service.

Please note that in addition to the hazard tree mitigation crews, there may also be routine tree maintenance crews tasked with maintaining clearance requirements also working nearby.



WHAT CAN THE PUBLIC EXPECT?

- Trained personnel will conduct assessments of trees in high fire risk areas with the potential to fall, blow or grow into an electrical line.
- SCE will attempt to contact the property owner prior to removal, then the tree will be scheduled for mitigation by specialized tree removal crews.
- An SCE-authorized crew will attempt to notify the property owner 24-48 hours before the tree removal. If there is no answer, a door hanger will be left with contact information.
- SCE vehicles will feature the company's logo and contractor vehicles will have signage indicating they are SCE "approved contractors." Anyone associated with the work will also carry ID badges.
- Hazard trees that are cut will be removed within 24 hours unless otherwise noted or by direct request from the property owner. All removals will be at no cost to the property owner.
- Large trucks and heavy equipment will be in the area. Traffic control will be set up to ensure traffic and pedestrian safety.



SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Only qualified contractors are authorized to work within 10 feet of SCE's overhead facilities. If a property owner would like to use their own contractor, SCE will arrange to clear the tree to a safe distance from the wire prior to the private contractor starting work. Please do not engage tree crews removing trees. If you have an urgent concern, please contact hazardtree@sce.com or call (833) 744-1393 between 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

