

Right Tree, Right Place



Teaching people to plant and care for trees increases environmental awareness and empowers our citizens as stewards of our community, country, and planet. Planting a tree is much more than a fun outdoor activity. It reduces pollution, provides cooling shade on a summer's day, brings neighbors together, increases property values, reduces crime, fosters community cooperation, and provides habitat for local wildlife.

There are many reasons to plant trees. Knowing why you are planting a tree is just the first step in selecting the right type of tree and its best location. Additionally, here are some tips from our tree planting partner and local utility, Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) a designated a Tree Line USA utility by the Arbor Day Foundation since 1995. PG&E offers these tips for the City of Davis, City of West Sacramento, and City of Woodland to ensure safe, reliable electric service and avoid future conflicts between tree and power lines:

- Look up! — before planting.
- “Know what’s below” — call 811 at least 48 hours before doing any digging even for planting trees.
- Plant the Right Tree in the Right Place — www.pge.com/righttreerightplace
- Plant trees no taller than 25 feet at maturity near **distribution** lines
- Plant only low growing shrubs near or underneath high voltage **transmission** lines — www.pge.com/treesandtransmissionlines
- Also avoid planting at the base of power poles and in proximity to pad-mounted transformers.
- For your safety, never attempt to prune trees near power lines yourself. Only ‘power line qualified’ tree clearance contractors are allowed to work within 10 feet of high voltage lines.

If you have further questions call PG&E at [1-800-743-5000](tel:1-800-743-5000). For more information about trees and power lines visit www.pge.com/trees