



Vegetation Management

Marking Trees for Safety Work

To help maintain reliable service to our communities, we manage trees located near powerlines and electric equipment. Trees coming into contact with powerlines could cause a power outage or wildfire.

What Can You Expect

As part of this work, our crews will inspect any vegetation that is at an unsafe distance from the powerlines. If we determine that a tree needs to be addressed for safety, we will mark it with either paint or flagging tape. The marks help our crews identify which trees need work.

What Tree Marks Mean

The shape of the paint mark indicates whether a tree needs to be trimmed or cut down.

- If a tree needs to be trimmed, inspectors will paint a dot at the base of the tree.
- If a tree needs to be cut down, inspectors will paint an “X” at the base of the tree.
- Marks may be placed higher on a trunk to account for tall grasses, bushes or snow.
- Flagging tape means the tree needs work. It does not specify the tree work type.

Dots painted at the base of the tree*



“X” painted at the base of the tree




Flagging tape tied to the tree



*Different colors are used to track our ongoing vegetation work.



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