



# Safe, Reliable Power

*Keeping power lines free of trees and branches  
improves safety and reduces outages.*

## TREE PRUNING PROGRAM

Sierra Pacific Power's Vegetation Management Program is an integral aspect of providing safe and reliable electrical transmission and distribution to its customers.

Contracted and qualified line-clearance tree crews prune branches or remove trees that are growing into overhead electric lines. For the safety of our customers and our employees, almost 38,000 trees are pruned annually. Besides public

safety, the goal of the year-round project is to prevent forest fires and electrical outages caused by tree limbs making contact with (or entire trees falling through) electrical conductors.

In order to coordinate tree pruning activities around power lines, Sierra Pacific works closely with the USDA Forest Service, local governments, fire protection agencies, and many other stakeholders around Lake Tahoe. Four foresters and 15 tree crews work on a predetermined schedule throughout the service areas in California and northern Nevada.

"The majority of tree pruning takes place in residential areas where trees may be too close to power lines," said Sierra Pacific Vegetation Management administrators W. Alan Dixon and Gerald Fassett. They said, "Our foresters and tree crews strive to be considerate and careful when entering private property to inspect or prune trees along the company's rights-of-way. State

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## Conservation Corner

### SEE YA LATER REFRIGERATOR.

Your old refrigerator uses up to four times the electricity of a new one.

So, why not recycle it? Save that much leftover energy, and you could save up to \$140 a year on your utility bills. We'll even haul it away free of charge and give you a \$30 incentive. Plus, recycling that fridge will help reduce the state's carbon footprint which means a lot of leftover clean air for our future.

Call 1-877-289-8260 or visit [sierrapacific.com](http://sierrapacific.com) for a free pickup.

This program is funded by Sierra Pacific and is available on a first-come, first-served basis until funding is expended. Refrigerators and freezers must be in working condition and at least 10 cubic feet in size. Customers must own the unit(s) being recycled. Limit two units per residential address. A check for \$30 per unit will be mailed to the Sierra Pacific customer within four weeks after the appliance collection.

Some restrictions may apply.

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and Federal laws require maintaining specified clearances around the electric lines to ensure public safety and to prevent future power outages.”

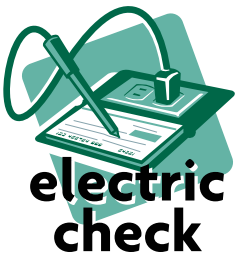
To avoid having to have trees pruned at all, homeowners should consider planting the “Right Tree in the Right Place.” Avoid planting them directly under or too close to the side of Sierra Pacific Power facilities. Trees that normally grow taller than 30 feet will eventually grow into the power lines and will need to be pruned back by the line-clearance qualified tree trimmers.

Never attempt to trim trees near power lines. Call Sierra Pacific Power first to inspect the trees. The individual coated service wires to the house, or service drops (the coiled wire that “drops” from the pole to the electric meter) are not trimmed on a routine maintenance schedule. Information on tree height and a list of appropriate trees to plant around power lines are available from your local Sierra Pacific Power office.

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account. There is no easier way. No checks, stamps, fees, hassle, or waiting in line.



Electric Check is open to all residential and commercial

customers with a current account and no more than one returned check in a 12-month period.

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## Power Content Label

### ENERGY RESOURCES

\* SIERRA PACIFIC (projected)

\*\* 2007 CA POWER MIX (for comparison)

Eligible Renewable	10%	10%
—Biomass & waste	<1%	<1%
—Geothermal	2%	2%
—Small hydroelectric	6%	6%
—Solar	<1%	<1%
—Wind	2%	2%
Coal	32%	32%
Large Hydroelectric	24%	24%
Natural Gas	31%	31%
Nuclear	3%	3%
Other	0%	0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\*0% of Sierra Pacific Power energy is specifically purchased from individual suppliers.

\*\* Percentages are estimated annually by the California Energy Commission based on the electricity sold to California consumers during the previous year.

For specific information about this electricity product, contact Sierra Pacific Power, (888) 274-1655. For general information about the Power Content Label, contact the California Energy Commission at (800) 555-7794 or on the web at [energy.ca.gov/consumer](http://energy.ca.gov/consumer)

Sierra Pacific Power makes no claims regarding specific power purchases and, therefore, uses the fuel mix for net system power as determined by the California Energy Commission.

## Business Offices

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