

Tree Trimming Changes and Frequently Asked Questions

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Each year, EWEB crews trim over 500 miles of overhead line vegetation to reduce the risk of outages and safety hazards. As EWEB continues to align with current safety standards, tree trimming will now extend into areas where telecom lines are located.

EWEB shares space on utility poles with telecom lines, such as cable, fiber, and phone, which are typically located below electric lines. While telecom providers remain responsible for their own facilities, EWEB is committed to providing safe and reliable electric service, which is why we are extending our vegetation management to include areas around telecom lines.

This change reflects a more comprehensive approach to vegetation management, and tree trimming may appear more extensive than in the past.

Frequently Asked Questions

Is tree trimming necessary?

EWEB is committed to providing safe and reliable electric service. As part of this commitment, we trim over 500 miles of overhead line vegetation each year to keep required clearances, helping protect electric service reliability and public safety.

When will EWEB begin trimming around telecom lines?

We work year-round to maintain vegetation clearance around utility poles and lines. EWEB's vegetation management will extend to areas around telecom lines beginning on May 4, 2026.

How much will EWEB trim around telecom lines?

Crews will maintain two to three feet of clearance around telecom lines. However, maintaining proper clearances for infrastructure, both today and as trees grow, sometimes requires trimming beyond the immediate space around lines.

Will EWEB trim around the lines from the utility pole to my home?

No. Crews focus on areas around the lines from utility pole to utility pole.

When will tree trimming happen in my neighborhood?

Crews will eventually visit every neighborhood in EWEB's service territory. However, the exact path and timing will depend on the number and types of trees in each neighborhood, so we are unable to pinpoint when crews will arrive near your home.

How long will it take for crews to trim trees?

The time it takes will depend on the tree species and how close they are to the electrical and telecom lines.

What if EWEB needs access to a gated area?

If we need to inspect and prune vegetation in a gated area, we will leave a doorhanger with details on how to arrange access.

What do I do if crews are blocking my driveway or street?

If crews are blocking your driveway or street, wait until active trimming has stopped, then wave to get the attention of the crew members in high-visibility vests. They will signal when it is a safe time to pass or speak to you about where you are trying to go.

What if the trucks don't say EWEB on the side?

EWEB contracts with West Lane Tree Service to work on tree trimming and vegetation management.

Who to Contact

- For more information about tree trimming and what to plant, visit eweb.org/tree-trimming
- For general inquiries, call EWEB's Vegetation Management Line at 541-685-7148

