

Distribution overhead wires and power poles - replacement activities

As part of our commitment to providing safe and reliable energy, we're proactively addressing fire risk by "hardening" the critical areas within our service area most at risk for wildfires. This effort includes replacing older overhead distribution line elements using advanced technology and improving our system to adequately handle known weather conditions.



The new steel poles replacing the existing ones have a reddish-brown appearance similar to wood and are known as "weathered steel" poles.

Did you know?

The wire and pole replacement work is part of our Fire Risk Mitigation (FIRM) initiative that began in 2014.

Overview

You may see us or one of our authorized contractors around power poles in your area. They're collecting data and taking photos as part of the required analysis to prepare for construction work. SDG&E® or a contracted construction crew will do the necessary replacement work in your neighborhood.

What are the benefits?

- Enhanced safety and reliability of the distribution system;
- Improved electric system performance during extreme weather conditions; and
- Reduced cost and environmental impacts for future maintenance activities.

About the wire and pole replacement work

Once the new steel poles are in place and the new wires and equipment are secured, the existing wood poles and wires will be removed and properly disposed or recycled.

What to expect

Construction is underway and will continue in phases through 2019. Customers will be notified in advance if they will be affected. Crews will install the new poles and overhead wires as well as remove existing facilities. Tree pruning or brush clearing may be required on some jobs before work starts.

During this time, we'll work as safely and efficiently as possible and strive to minimize construction traffic, dust, and noise. Our activities may require us to temporarily shut off power to ensure our crews can work safely on the electric facilities. If the power will need to be shut off temporarily for safety reasons, we'll contact you in advance to help make sure you're prepared for a planned outage.

Contact information

For more information, please call Customer Support toll free at **1-844-804-8106** during normal business hours or submit an email to FiRM-Support@semprautilities.com.