

# Vegetation Management Helps Provide Safe, Reliable Electric Service



Unlike the power lines you see next to your local roads, transmission lines are typically constructed on large metal towers located within the Rights-of-Way (ROW) on PSE&G easements and company-owned land. The ROW is divided into two areas, boarder and wire zone. Vegetation management on these ROW is regulated at the Federal and State level and is absolutely necessary for safety and reliability.



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**PSE&G's vegetation management plan has been developed in compliance with regulations and follows established industry standards and best management practices.**

**In accordance with NJ regulation N.J.A.C. 14:5-9:**

- ▶ Woody vegetation that can exceed 3 feet in height at maturity is required to be removed from within the wire zone, except agricultural crops that mature at 12 feet or less.
- ▶ Clearing within the ROW will be wide enough so that no vegetation will fall or grow into the transmission lines.
- ▶ Any plant species that poses a threat to maintenance of the ROW, and is identified as invasive and non-indigenous to New Jersey, will be removed from the ROW.
- ▶ Trees and other woody vegetation that would otherwise need to be removed may remain when certain conditions are met in limited circumstances such as: when easement, deed or other written land rights executed before 2007 expressly permit vegetation to be located within the ROW and/or the slope of the topography exceeds 30 degrees and the mature height of vegetation will allow more than 150 percent of the clearance requirements.
- ▶ Only grass vegetation will be permitted to grow within three feet of any structure.
- ▶ Where clearing has occurred and bare soil is exposed, soil erosion requirements of the applicable soil conservation district will be observed.
- ▶ A list of generally compatible tree species is available on our website. However, compatibility is site specific and an authorized PSE&G representative should be contacted before planting on a ROW.

**Visit [pseg.com/vegetation](http://pseg.com/vegetation) to:**

- ▶ Learn more about PSE&G's vegetation management plan
- ▶ View the compatible species list
- ▶ See our maintenance schedule
- ▶ Contact the PSE&G vegetation management department