

Tree trimmers, pole inspectors to be in your area

This spring, contractor pole inspectors and tree trimmers will conduct work in your area.

About 6,000 poles will be inspected for structural soundness and, if needed, treated for bug infestations or replaced if damaged or unsafe, primarily in **Pinehill** and the **Ice Caves** area.

Meanwhile, rights-of-way in **Timberlake** and other area hot spots will be cleared of obstructions that could hinder power line installation, maintenance or operation. The primary goal is to create a safety zone that allows unimpeded access for line crews. Tree trimmers will also cut down all dead, weak, leaning and dangerous trees that could strike power lines upon fall or interfere with or threaten to endanger the operation or maintenance of power lines or the distribution system during heavy winds, rain, snow and wildfires. CDEC is required to keep at least a 10-foot radius free of potential hazards in all directions of power lines.

Inspecting and trimming are expected to begin in April. Contractors will work on weekdays during regular business hours. Workers will be in vehicles, including all-terrain vehicles, marked with signs that say they are a CDEC utility contractor. They may need to access residential backyards or gain access through residential properties. Residents with concerns can contact CDEC at (505) 285-6656 to coordinate access.