



City of Martinez

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Tree Service Contractors

The City of Martinez was recently informed that property owners within certain areas of the City have been or will be contacted by Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) to discuss removal and/or pruning of trees on both public and private property. This is part of a project that PG&E is calling the "Pipeline Pathways" program.

PG&E and/or private homeowners may be contacting you to remove trees located on private or public property. The City wants to advise you of your responsibility to ensure that any tree removal on private and/or public property by PG&E and/or its contractors is done in accordance with the requirements of the City's tree removal regulations.

As a friendly reminder, all contractors are required to follow the City's Tree Preservation Ordinance. Martinez Municipal Code Chapter 8.12; *Trees on Private Property – Preservation, Protection and Removal* defines all indigenous trees (i.e. trees native to Martinez area) with a circumference of 20 inches, or larger - approximately 6½ inches in diameter - as "protected." Section 8.12.020 states that no person shall remove any protected tree on private property within the City without a "Tree Permit". Contractors are required to have the approved tree removal permit or a copy of the approved permit in hand during the time of the removal. Under no circumstances are removals permitted without an approved tree removal permit. I have attached a copy of the City ordinance for your reference. Questions should be directed to Dina Tasini of the City's Planning Division at 925-372-3563.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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