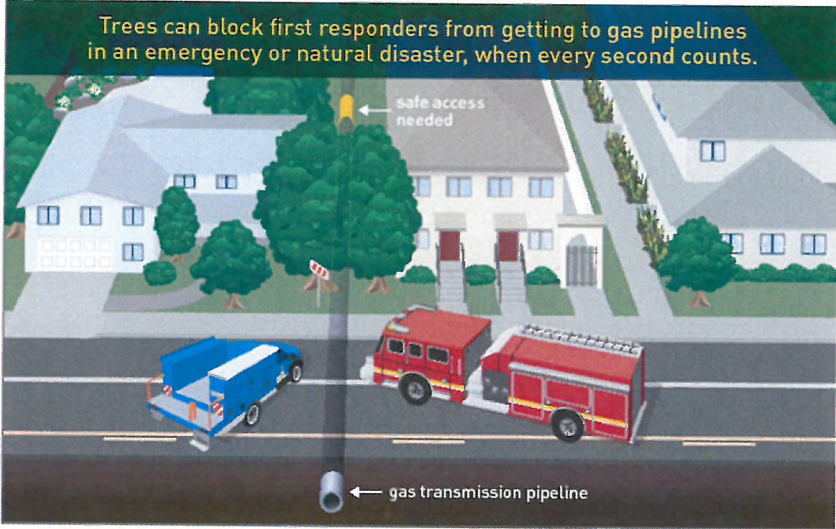




About the Community Pipeline Safety Initiative

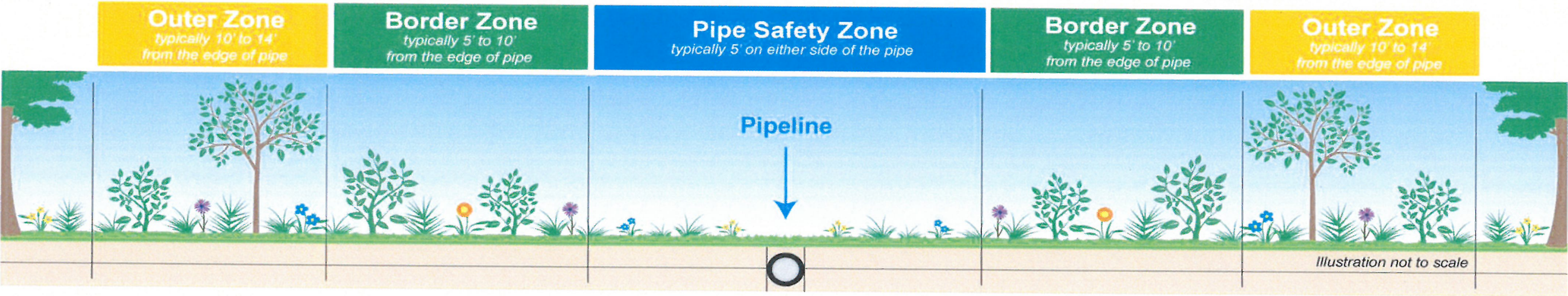


Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E) top priority is the safety of our customers and the communities we live in and serve. As part of this commitment to safety, we are checking the area above and around our natural gas transmission pipelines to help ensure firefighters and our safety crews are able to get to the pipe in case of an emergency or for important pipeline safety work.

In an emergency, every second counts and items like structures, trees and bushes located too close to gas pipelines can threaten safety because they can block first responders and emergency response crews from getting to the pipeline and making it safe. They can also prevent our crews from performing important safety and maintenance work, and tree roots can damage the underground pipeline, leading to corrosion and leaks.

Safe Landscaping Near Pipelines

Making sure the right plants and trees are located in the right place adds to the safety and natural beauty of the community. When a tree or shrub needs to be replaced for safety reasons, we work with the property owner to offer a variety of landscaping options, including planting a new tree in a safe location. The following are some helpful guidelines for landscaping above and around the pipeline.



Please note easement widths can vary and the above represents best practices and guidance for safe landscaping near gas pipelines.

Pipe Zone	Lawns, flowers, low-profile grasses and low-growing herbaceous plants work well within the Pipe Safety Zone
Border Zone	Small to medium shrubs with a trunk or main branch less than 8" in diameter at full maturity work well within the Border Zone. Diameter is measured four and a half feet from the ground.
Outer Zone	Large shrubs and small trees with a trunk less than 36" at full maturity work well within the Outer Zone. Diameter is measured four and a half feet from the ground.

This restoration plan is an example of a safe landscaping above and around the natural gas transmission pipeline on your property. In addition, the proposed vegetation includes water-wise plants suited for most California climate zones, however each location is different. Please consult your local nursery for more information.