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August 2019

Doing Their Part to Mitigate Wildfire Danger

You'll be seeing a lot more of this guy in the photo. He's a REU employee who prunes trees near power lines. As part of REU's Wildfire Mitigation Plan, Line Clearance Arborists (sometimes called tree trimmers) will be increasing the clearance between power lines and tree branches: to 12 feet from eight feet for neighborhood power lines and to 30 feet from 15 feet, where possible, for transmission lines, which carry larger amounts of power.

The reason is simple. In our tinder-dry community, the best way to prevent or mitigate wildfires tied to electrical equipment is to deny fuel to potential fires.

During red flag periods, when our area experiences high winds and dry conditions, tree limbs are at increased risk of coming into contact with power lines, which could create sparks, break lines, and snap utility poles — all of which could lead to fires.

The best defense is a good offense: REU's Wildfire Mitigation Plan calls for more aggressive tree trimming or removal to deny fuel to potential fires.

In addition to increased pruning of trees, the City's Public Works department will be adding several new employees, whose first job will be to remove ground-level brush and low-hanging materials that could feed a potential fire. Those new employees are expected to begin working next month.

REU's Line Clearance Arborists report that they are sometimes confronted by citizens unwilling to have their trees trimmed. We understand residents' affection for their trees. But we hope residents will understand REU is stepping up its tree-pruning efforts in an effort to protect the community from wildfires.



Philip Templeton, Redding Electric Utility Arborist

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Wildfires pose a tremendous risk to our community, as we saw last year with the Carr Fire. Please join with us in working to prevent a repeat of that tragedy!

Customers can learn more about steps they can take to enhance their personal and community safety by attending the annual Safety Fair, September 11 at City Hall from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The event will have representatives from the Redding Fire Department, Redding Police Department, REU, and first responders, among others, on hand to discuss steps all of us can take to be safer and more secure in our homes and communities.

Let's start by welcoming REU's Line Clearance Arborists onto your property so they can perform their work, which increases our community's safety.

COMMUNITY CREEK CLEAN-UP

Planting the Sacramento River Trail



October 5, 2019 • 8am-noon

Join Us!

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