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SMUD asks customers to keep neighborhood transformer boxes clear for safety

Springtime's warmer weather marks the beginning of the yard work season. Customers with neighborhood high-voltage equipment and transformers in their yards can help themselves, their neighbors and SMUD work crews by maintaining clearance around the green metal boxes that house high-voltage equipment and transformers.

When planting trees and shrubs or building fences and other structures, remember to keep eight feet of space around this equipment. Proper clearance helps SMUD crews restore power more quickly and safely during a power outage. It also helps them perform scheduled maintenance more safely and efficiently. The clearance is required by the California Code of Regulations.

But before starting to shovel, call Underground Service Alert (USA) at 811 or visit call811.com a minimum of two business days before beginning the job to find out if there are any dangerous underground utilities such as power lines in the area.

For safety's sake, never climb on, plant or dig around neighborhood electrical transformers.

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