



energize**EASTSIDE** tree inventory on your property

Puget Sound Energy's contractors are conducting field surveys on your property to inform the environmental review process, project design and future permit applications for the Energize Eastside project. We've received questions about our tree inventory fieldwork and want to provide you with some details.

Purpose of the tree inventory

The tree inventory will help us determine how to maintain safe operating conditions and comply with PSE's vegetation management standards, which may include trimming or removing some trees.

What to expect

- Tree specialists will walk your property to collect data on tree height, diameter and species for trees within or bordering the potential route corridor.
- A small aluminum tag will be attached to trees using plastic zip ties, aluminum wires or nails.
- Tree specialists will leave a small flag on the trees so land surveyors can document the tree tag numbers and locations using GPS.
- Land surveyors will record the tree data and remove the small flags typically within two weeks.
- Tree tags will be left in place to help minimize the time contractors are on your property in the future.

Frequently Asked Questions

Will the tree tag and nail harm my tree?

The tree tag and nail will not harm the overall health of your tree. Typically, mature trees are able to seal off the hole from a nail to prevent exposure to infection or disease. For small trees, crews will tie the tag to the main branch or stem with a wire to avoid using a nail.



Aluminum tree tags, nails and flags are used for the tree inventory for mature trees.

Can I remove the tree tag?

We understand that you might want to remove the tag once the land surveyors remove the tree flag. We kindly ask that you keep the tag in place, which will minimize the time contractors are on your property in the future.

Does a tree tag mean that the tree will be trimmed or removed?

Not every marked tree would need to be trimmed or removed. We will not know this information until further along in the environmental review and design processes.

What do the flag colors mean?

The flag color has no meaning. Tree specialists use the flags simply to indicate to land surveyors which trees need GPS locations recorded.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have questions about fieldwork, please contact us.