



Vegetation Management Policy

The PUD's Vegetation Management Program ensures the reliable, environmentally sustainable, safe, and cost-effective control of vegetation of its properties, rights-of-way, and at its facilities with minimal adverse impact on human health and the environment.

The safety of maintenance staff and the community, environmental stewardship and access to PUD infrastructure are the priorities for this program.

Our Vegetation Management Program integrates manual, mechanical, chemical, biological, and cultural techniques, as appropriate. It is responsive to the concerns of the public, sensitive to the effects on the environment, and complies with federal, state, and local regulations.

The PUD and its contractors use the minimum amount of herbicides in limited areas where no practical alternatives are available. The herbicides used are the most benign ones known of those available for the specific control need. The PUD only uses herbicides with relatively low toxicity that are degradable in the environment. No compound is used that has been determined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to be carcinogenic, teratogenic, mutagenic, or to cause reproductive harm to humans. Products that have "Danger" or "Poison" as cautions on the label are not used.

When herbicides are used to control vegetation, they are applied:

- ✦ In accord with the directions on the herbicide label;
- ✦ In such a way as to minimize drift or runoff due to wind or rainfall;
- ✦ Not within 100 feet of a known potable water supply well; and
- ✦ To berry-producing plants before blossoming or after berry production.

Customers with questions regarding this policy can contact **Randy Packebush**, PUD Superintendent of Vegetation Management, at **425-783-5629** during regular business hours or by sending an email to **rpackebush@snopud.com**.