

# Improving your electric reliability



## Bainbridge Island-area electric system reliability improvements project

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Dear Puget Sound Energy Customer,

PSE plans to upgrade the electric system along Northeast Hidden Cove Road on Bainbridge Island to improve safety and electric reliability. The upgrades include replacing aging utility poles, as well as replacing the existing electric wire with tree wire. By installing tree wire in other locations, we've reduced power outages related to falling tree branches by up to 95 percent. We will also be installing a new section of underground cable. Please see below for project details.

### Preliminary work details

**Who:** Crews from PSE, Potelco, Asplundh (vegetation management) and AES Consultants (surveyor)

- Staff and contractors will wear Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), like vests and hard hats, and carry identification

**What:** Upgrading the electric distribution system

**When:** Anticipated to begin late May and continue through early November 2023

- Crews typically work Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

**Where:** Northeast Hidden Cove Road, Bainbridge Island  
(please see map on reverse)

### What you can expect

- Traffic control signs and flaggers will guide vehicles and pedestrians safely through the project area
- Some street parking will be impacted, "No parking" signs will be placed prior to work beginning
- There will likely be noise from trucks and heavy machinery
- There will be lane closures on NE Hidden Cove Rd
- We'll work to maintain access to driveways whenever possible, in coordination with impacted neighbors
- After construction is complete, you'll notice temporary patches in the road and/or sidewalk. These temporary patches will remain until a contractor crew from AA Asphaltting, Inc. returns to complete the final road and/or sidewalk restoration. The restoration schedule is dependent upon weather, permitting and crew availability.

We're proud to serve in your community and aim to complete the preliminary work with as little disruption as possible. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact me and reference project # **101117741**. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we work to improve your electric reliability.

Sincerely,

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# Bainbridge Island-area electric system upgrade map

