



King County

Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Wastewater Treatment Division

NORTH MERCER ISLAND/ENATAI Sewer Upgrade Project

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Schedule Update: Tree removal near North Mercer Pump Station starting in June

Last week, our team distributed a flyer about removing trees within the North Mercer Pump Station property starting as early as May 23. We are now planning to remove trees and prepare for construction at the pump station starting in June. In late May, neighbors will see crews preparing the property for tree removal and upcoming construction.

If you missed our previous notice, read below for more on why we are removing trees and what to expect.

We are removing trees to create space for new infrastructure, a new generator building, new retaining walls, and site improvements. Additionally, some trees slated for removal have root networks that extend into our active project site. Our construction activities would cause irreparable damage to the tree roots. If left intact, these compromised root networks would weaken the trees and threaten public safety.

As a part of this project, we will plant 600 new trees across Mercer Island to replace the nearly 400 trees we remove during the project. Our goal in planting the trees is to contribute to a tree canopy that is equal to or better than what exists today on Mercer Island.

What to expect during tree removal

- Crews will first cut the trees into pieces and load them into a truck for recycling. Then they will use hand tools or stump grinding equipment to remove the stumps. Finally, they will use sod to fill the holes where the stumps were removed.
- Work will take place within permitted hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday.
 - The work schedule is subject to change depending on weather and other factors.
- Crews will mark trees for removal.
- Intermittent/continuous noise/vibration during tree removal and stump grinding.
- Increased construction equipment and trucks hauling materials on roads near the pump station.



Arborist examining trees

ALTERNATIVE FORMATS AVAILABLE

206-477-5371 / 711 (TTY Relay)

Tree removal, restoration, and maintenance

King County works to protect sensitive environments and trees when doing large projects like this one. Sometimes due to construction constraints, construction crews must remove trees to complete their work. How we will improve tree canopy health:

- Planting a wide variety of species that include conifers and broadleaf trees that are well adapted to the local climate.
- Planting during times of the year to start the landscape on a healthy path to recovery.
- Improving soil conditions so that trees stay healthy through time.
- Implementing a warranty period where the contractor will maintain the plantings by watering, weeding and replacing plants that do not survive.

Learn more

- Visit the project website (scan QR code to access)
www.kingcounty.gov/MercerEnataiSewer.
- Read our [Plan for Trees](#) factsheet in our project library – click on “Library” and then “Fact sheets” and look for “The Plan for Trees”.
- Sign up for location-specific email lists by [clicking this link to our construction homepage](#) or by scanning the QR Code to the right.
- Contact the community services team at 206-477-5415 or email NMEsewer@kingcounty.gov



We're committed to working with you

Please let us know if you have any questions. For more information or to schedule a virtual meeting, contact the Community Relations Team using our 24-hour construction hotline: 206-263-1915 or email us at NMEsewer@kingcounty.gov.