



# NORTH MERCER ISLAND/ENATAI Sewer Upgrade Project

June 14, 2022

## Schedule Update: Tree removal in Mercer Island begins soon

In mid-May, our team shared our plans to begin removing trees to prepare for the construction of the new [North Mercer Island/Enatai](#) sewer. We are coordinating directly with the City of Mercer Island about tree protection, removal, and restoration. Tree removal will begin at the North Mercer Pump Station as early as Friday, June 17. Tree removal along the I-90 trail starts as early as next week.

If you missed our previous notices, read below about what to expect.

As a part of this project, we will plant 600 new trees across Mercer Island to replace the nearly 400 trees we remove. We are removing trees to make space for new infrastructure and equipment. We are using orange high-visibility tape to tag trees marked for removal.


Read our [Plan for Trees](#) factsheet in our project library – to learn more.

### What to expect during tree removal

- Crews will first mark trees for removal.
- Crews will then cut the trees into pieces and load them into a truck.
- The area surrounding trees will be restored after removal.
- Work will occur 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.
- Intermittent/continuous noise and vibration during tree removal and stump grinding.
- Increased construction equipment and trucks hauling materials on roads near the pump station.
- We will detour people walking and biking on the I-90 trail around active work areas.



### The Plan for Trees

 King County is upgrading four miles of sewer pipeline across north Mercer Island and south Bellevue. It's a big project that's been years in the making and will involve years of construction. Some work will be in heavily used public spaces, and some will be in residential areas. The upgrade will provide great public benefit, but the work to get there will involve inconveniences to residents and users of public spaces.

We are committed to keeping you informed about what's happening and why. This is one of a series of fact sheets that explain the North Mercer/Enatai (NME) Sewer Upgrade Project and what the public can expect—during construction and after the work is done.

### What's happening... and why

King County works to protect sensitive environments and trees when doing large projects like this one and impacts can't always be avoided. Sometimes projects require removal of trees and other landscaping. During project design, our teams work to reduce the number of trees that will be removed during construction. Arborists evaluate trees in the project area for species, size, and health. Then they recommend how to protect trees during construction.



## Learn more

- Visit the project website [kingcounty.gov/MercerEnataiSewer](http://kingcounty.gov/MercerEnataiSewer).
- Sign up for the lists you care about most by [clicking this link to our construction homepage](#). Changes to email and text preferences must be done using an internet browser. Changes submitted via text to KING MERCERSEWER at 468-311 will not be applied.
- Read our factsheets in our project library – click on “Library” and then “Factsheets” and look for the information you care most about.
- Contact the community services team at 206-263-1915 or email [NMEsewer@kingcounty.gov](mailto:NMEsewer@kingcounty.gov)



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## 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](mailto:NMEsewer@kingcounty.gov).