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PRESS RELEASE

Eversource Transmission Corridor Tree Trimming

Eversource will be trimming along the transmission corridors near the following areas, utilizing various trimming methods including helicopter trimming.

- Barber Hill Road
- Ellington Road (Route 74)
- Dart Hill Road
- Avery Street
- Pheasant Way
- Trumbull Lane

Trimming is expected to begin on or about March 20, 2023.

Please call Eversource at 888-673-9943 or email
CTVegMaintenance@eversource.com if you have any questions or concerns.



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Dear Neighbor,

As part of our everyday effort to deliver reliable energy to our customers and communities, we will be conducting some vegetation management work in our rights of way (power line corridor) in your neighborhood.

Safety First and Always

The safety of our employees, our customers, and the public is our top priority during the ongoing COVID-19 outbreak. Our commitment to safety, first and always, is continuous.

Why Tree Work is Important

To protect the electric system, we remove tall-growing species from the rights of way and cut branches extending into the rights of way. These trees and branches pose a serious safety hazard, now or in the future, if they are too close or contact energized equipment. Vegetation too close or in contact with electric facilities may lead to power outages that could impact thousands of electric customers. The clearing of trees and branches in and along the rights of way will improve system performance, especially during severe weather events.

Work in Your Neighborhood

To enhance the reliability of the electric grid, Eversource will be working in the power corridor on or near your property to trim those trees where limbs and branches are extending in towards the electrical wires. In some areas this work will be performed by crews climbing the trees and/or working with bucket trucks. In other areas the work will be performed utilizing a helicopter.

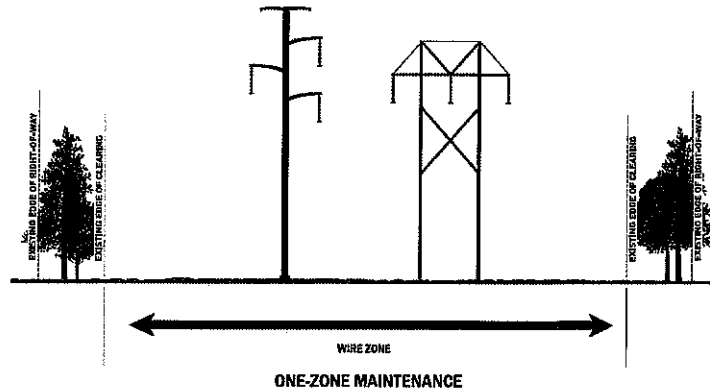
What You Can Expect

We want you to know that this work will not interrupt electric service to your property. Work hours will typically be 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Saturday. Due to weather or other unexpected circumstances, crews may need to work longer hours or reschedule the work.

In certain areas, this vegetation management scope may be more than what has been experienced in the past.

Based on the width of the right of way, the type and number of transmission lines, the location of the lines within the right of way and the topography, Eversource employs a "one-zone" vegetation maintenance method. This method establishes the following:

- One-zone maintenance occurs within a right of way wire zone, which is the area directly under the transmission lines, extending to the edge of the easement or the width of the maintained area. Eversource manages the wire zone to promote a low-growing plant community dominated by grasses, flowers, ferns and small shrubs under 3 feet in height at maturity. Within this zone, trees and brush are selectively removed to allow for the establishment and preservation of these native, low-growing plant communities in non-lawn areas. Only established compatible species with a mature height of 15 feet or less at maturity may be allowed to remain in the wire zone, depending on location. All other plants with a mature height greater than 15 feet will be removed.



The diagram illustrates a typical right of way condition. This work is occurring within the existing edge of clearing. Your neighborhood may have a different configuration of transmission structures.

For areas where we plan to use helicopters along the line, you may experience some traffic delays and noise from the helicopter. Most of the helicopter trimming will be performed in rural areas. The resulting debris from the aerial trimming will be cleaned up as soon as possible. Due to the increased speed of the trimming operation by using a helicopter, debris cleanup may take longer than normal to achieve.

Safety is always first. Eversource will be maintaining traffic and will be on the rights-of-way as the helicopter trims the trees. There will be constant radio contact with the pilot and a cease to operations can be called if any concerns arise during the trimming process. Only Eversource and contractor crews will be allowed in the right of way when the helicopter is in the area and during the work activities.

For more information on helicopter trimming, visit <http://www.rotor-blade.com/aerial-sidewall-trimming>

Work Performance

Eversource is using approved contractors to conduct this work. The work may be completed in several stages, or at various times during the year. Work may also be performed by different contractors depending on the scope of work required in the particular right of way. Trimming and tree removal is performed throughout the year.

Keeping the Wood from Cleared Areas

If you would like to keep the wood from trees cut on your property, please call 888-673-9943. The wood that is to be kept for your personal use will be placed along the edge of the maintained area within the right of way and outside of the wire zone and environmentally sensitive areas. Wood and cut branches not left for personal use will be chipped & removed, slashed, or diced and left within the right of way. Diced vegetation will not be left within access areas or within the cleared areas around structures and guy wires. Debris will also be kept out of water courses, stream and river banks and bodies of water including standing water in wetland areas.

Other Upcoming Eversource Work

There will be additional work within this electrical corridor later this year. We will be in touch with more details about that work once the full scope has been developed.

Always Working to Serve You Better

Keeping the lines of communication open is an important part of our work in your community. We can be reached at **888-673-9943** or **CTVegMaintenance@eversource.com**

Thank you for your patience and cooperation while Eversource performs this important system reliability work.

Sincerely,

Pat Tracey

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