



December 9, 2019

Dear Mr. Brian Noble,

As part of our ongoing commitment to deliver reliable energy and superior service to customers, Eversource has contracted with qualified tree contractors to perform routine vegetation maintenance within our electric system rights of way in your city or town. The work, which is scheduled to occur this year, is part of Eversource's continuing efforts to ensure reliable electric service to you and to thousands of homes and businesses throughout the region, especially during extreme weather events.

Why Tree Work is Important

- To protect the electric system, we remove tall-growing species from the right of way and cut branches extending into the right of way. These trees and branches pose a serious safety hazard, now or in the future, if they contact energized equipment.
- Vegetation 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 right of way will improve system performance, especially during severe weather events.

Work in Your Neighborhood

The vegetation management work may include:

- Clearing of incompatible trees and/or removal of branches that are encroaching into the right of way.
- Removing tall-growing tree species that are incompatible to the transmission system, using manual climbing crew or mechanical tree-harvesting equipment, and tree-chipping machinery.
- Removal of vegetation within the cleared areas of the right of way, through cutting and/or mowing.

What You Can Expect

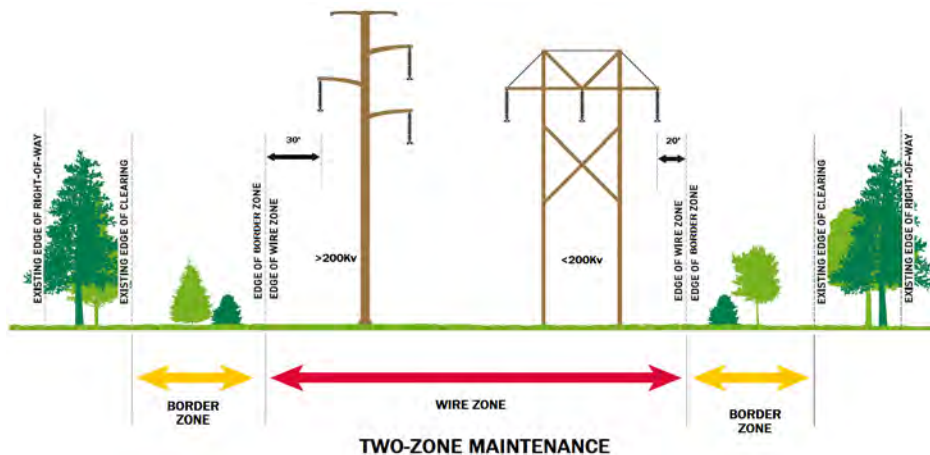
We want you to know that this work will not interrupt electric service to your community.. Work hours will typically be 7 am to 7 pm, Monday through Saturday. Due to weather or other unexpected circumstances, from time to time crews may need to work longer hours or on a Sunday.

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 "two-zone" vegetation maintenance method. This method establishes the following:

- **The wire zone** is the area directly under the transmission lines, extending out 20 to 30 feet outside the wires depending on voltage. 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 border zone** is the area from outside wire zone to the edge of the cleared area or the easement edge. In this zone, incompatible tall-growing trees are removed and native trees and shrubs that have a mature height of 25 feet or less may remain where possible.

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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.

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.

Additional Communication

Along with this letter, you will be receiving an email informing you of the scheduled work. The letter and email are part of our requirements under the Commonwealth of Massachusetts regulation (220 CMR 22.00), providing notice of vegetation work in the transmission right of way.

Always Working to Serve You Better

Keeping the lines of communication open is an important part of our work in your community. Please contact Marcia Wellman, Senior Project Manager, with any questions you might have. Marcia can be reached at 860.728.4547 or marcia.wellman@eversource.com.

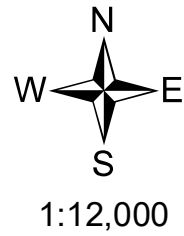
Thank you for your patience and cooperation while Eversource performs this important system reliability work.

Sincerely,

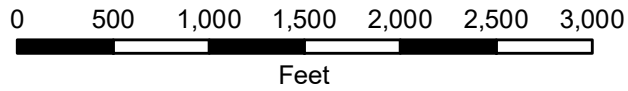
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





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-  Emergency Surface Water Well
-  Ground Water Well
-  Non-Transeint, Non-Community Well
-  Proposed Well
-  Surface Water Well
-  Transient, Non-Community Well
-  Eversource Right-of-Way
-  Perennial Rivers and Streams
-  Intermittent Rivers and Streams
-  Mass Zone A
-  Mass Town Lines



Source: "Office of Geographic and Environmental Information (Mass GIS), Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs".
Public Water Supply data provided by MADEP Drinking Water Program, October 2017, DEP Public Water Supplies