

January 14, 2022

HARWINTON
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HARWINTON, CT 06791
Attention Chief Elected Official for HARWINTON,

Eversource is focused on delivering reliable energy and superior customer service. As part of that commitment, we work year-round to trim and remove limbs and trees that threaten the electric system. In fact, trees remain the number one cause of power outages during storm events in our state.

In 2022, we will invest over \$72 million in tree work as part of the company's comprehensive vegetation management plan. Eversource's team of licensed arborists will collaborate with the tree wardens in each town in advance of the tree work performed by our qualified contractors.

As part of an amendment to Connecticut General Statutes, Section 16-234 from 2016, Eversource is required to provide each town with the plan detailing the proposed roads where vegetation management is to occur and an estimated time schedule. Included in this mailing is a map of the town with the roads with planned work highlighted. Planned tree work in your town is estimated to begin in April.

Stan Bartkowiak, an Eversource Arborist, will be the point of contact for all aspects of the work in your community. Stan Bartkowiak can be reached at 860-665-3657.

We've also developed a Vegetation Management Town Scorecard for your community. Our goal is to provide a visual, easy to understand overview of reliability and the state of our vegetation management efforts in your town.

The scorecard includes important data including:

- An overview of our 2022 plan for your community
- The number of block roads caused by trees during storms over the past 4 years
- The number of customers who refused to let us trim or remove trees that will impact our system
- Reliability data for Eversource customers related to vegetation

We understand the important role trees play in our communities. At the same time, we're committed to meeting customer expectations on reliability and must work together to ensure the safety of our communities.

Please contact me at 860-665-6103 for any questions regarding Eversource's vegetation management program.

Sincerely,

Sean Redding, Eversource Manager of Vegetation Management

Enc: Town Trimming Map, Town Scorecard

January 26, 2022

Dear Honorable Michael R. Criss,

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. Eversource representatives will continue to abide by all COVID-19 safety guidelines, which include wearing personal protective equipment, following social distancing, enhanced sanitizing requirements and other federal and state health and safety guidelines.

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 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 right of way will improve system performance, especially during severe weather events.

Work in Your Community

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 mowing.

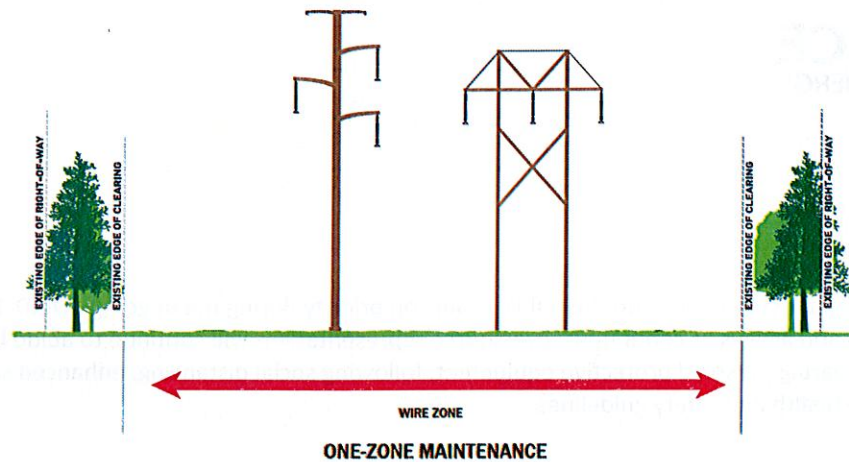
What You Can Expect

We want you to know that this work will not interrupt electric service to residents or businesses. Work hours will typically be 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., 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 "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.

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.

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 **or 888-673-9943 or CTVegMaintenance@eversource.com**. Thank you for your patience and cooperation while Eversource performs this important system reliability work.

Sincerely,

Michael Rasy

Transmission Arborist, Vegetation Management

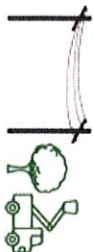
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DISTRIBUTION TREE & RELIABILITY



TOTAL MILES SCHEDULED

75

TOWN TOTAL

79



BACKBONE MILES SCHEDULED

8

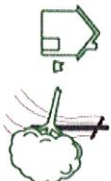
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8



BLOCKED ROADS (2016-2021)

58



CUSTOMER REFUSALS
& LIGHT TRIMS

2021

0

LAST 4 YEARS

63

TREE RELIABILITY 2021 YEAR TO DATE

CUSTOMERS SERVED

2,584

PERCENT TREE-RELATED OUTAGES

57%

OUTAGES

186

CUSTOMERS IMPACTED

6,013

MINUTES CUSTOMERS IMPACTED

1,033,665