

# VEGETATION MANAGEMENT

Balancing  
Natural Beauty  
With Reliable  
Electric Service

PLEASE  
RESPONSE  
REQUIRED

**EVERSOURCE**

**For trees that hang over the public right-of-way, you may ask for additional consultation:**

- If you live on a town road, please contact your local tree warden listed below through your town or city hall.



- If you live on a state road, please contact the state Department of Transportation (DOT), Commissioner's Office, 2800 Berlin Turnpike, Newington, CT 06131.

If you do NOT grant approval for the tree work, or wish to modify the proposed tree work, please submit a written objection to Eversource and either your local tree warden, or the DOT if you live on a state road. You must send your objection within 10 business days of receiving notice. Your local tree warden or the DOT will review your objection and render a written decision within 10 business days.

Both you and Eversource may further appeal that decision to the state Public Utilities Regulatory Authority (PURA) within 10 business days.

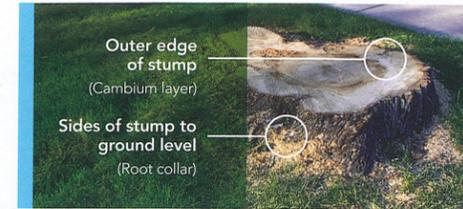
To appeal, contact PURA at 10 Franklin Square, New Britain, CT 06051. PURA will hold a mediation session within 30 days of an appeal, or an arbitration hearing within 60 days, to reach a resolution.

If you object to the proposed pruning or removal, **you will not be billed** for damage to Eversource power lines or equipment caused by trees on your property that fall, regardless of the outcome of an appeal.

**Pathfinder® II Herbicide Treatment**

Occasionally, trees and brush must be removed from electrical lines. Low-growing shrubs and grasses are not removed, to maintain a low-growing plant community.

Hardwood trees that can re-sprout from a cut stump are treated with an herbicide to prevent regrowth. The herbicide, tested and approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, is selectively applied with a handheld spray bottle by state licensed and certified personnel only to the outer edge and side of a stump, as shown below.



Connecticut General Statutes (22a-66a) require that certain herbicide label information be provided to the owner of property where herbicides will be used. We have included the label information below:

**Active Ingredient:** triclopyr: 3,5,6-trichloro-2-pyridinyloxyacetic acid, butoxyethyl ester  
EPA Reg No 62719-176.

**Keep Out of Reach of Children.**

**CAUTION**

If you do not understand the label, find someone to explain it to you in detail.

**PRECAUCION**

Si usted no entiende la etiqueta, busque a alguien para que se la explique a usted en detalle.

**Precautionary Statements**

**Humans and Domestic Animals**

Harmful if swallowed; prolonged or frequent skin contact may cause allergic reactions in some individuals.

**First Aid: If swallowed: Call a poison control center or doctor immediately for treatment advice.**

Have person sip a glass of water if able to swallow. Do not induce vomiting unless told to do so by a poison control center or doctor. Do not give anything by mouth to an unconscious person.

**Environmental Hazards:** This pesticide is toxic to fish. Do not apply directly to water, or to areas where surface water is present or to intertidal areas below the mean high water mark. Do not contaminate water when cleaning equipment or disposing of equipment washwaters.

This chemical has properties and characteristics associated with chemicals detected in groundwater. The use of this chemical in areas where soils are permeable, particularly where the water table is shallow, may result in groundwater contamination.

**Entry Restrictions:** Do not enter or allow others to enter the treated area until sprays have dried.

In case of emergency endangering health or the environment involving this product, call 1-800-992-5994. If you wish to obtain additional product information, visit DOW Agro Science's website at [www.dowagro.com](http://www.dowagro.com).

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**Helping Prevent Power Outages**

**Eversource's tree work programs help deliver reliable energy within the natural beauty of Connecticut's roadside forest.**

**Read more about our routine and enhanced tree work programs.**

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### Customer Benefits

- **Tree Trimming Helps Prevent Outages**  
By removing vegetation close to power lines, we improve electric reliability for you and your neighbors. We also improve physical and visual access for our employees working on the lines, enabling us to find and repair problems faster, and reduce outages caused by storms.
- **Cut Wood or Mulch**  
Any cut wood or mulch produced as a result of our tree work is available to customers free of charge. Larger limbs and tree trunks will be cut into manageable lengths and mulch can be dumped where vehicle access is possible.

### Critical Trimming

In the event that trees or brush are in direct contact with power lines, or have visible signs of burning, Eversource may remove the vegetation without notification or consent — to protect public safety and system reliability.

### Eversource is There When You Need Us

If you have any questions, please contact our approved contractor directly at the number listed on the enclosed forms.

You can also call Eversource Customer Service at **1-800-286-2000** or the Eversource Business Contact Center at **1-888-783-6617** or email [treeCT@eversource.com](mailto:treeCT@eversource.com).



### Clearance Specifications

- The goal of Eversource's Routine Maintenance Tree Work is to prevent power outages by removing branches and trees that are either too close to power lines, or pose a risk of falling on power lines.
- Tall growing trees under power lines are selectively removed.
- All work is performed in accordance with professional tree care industry standards and best practices.

### Risk Trees

- Hazardous\*, or risk trees, are those that can fall on or contact power lines and cause an outage.
- Tree work professionals determine a tree's risk potential based on its species, location, health, and structural composition.
- Eversource arborists prioritize the removal of risk trees to minimize their ability to cause an outage. If a tree must be removed, it is cut as low to the ground as possible.

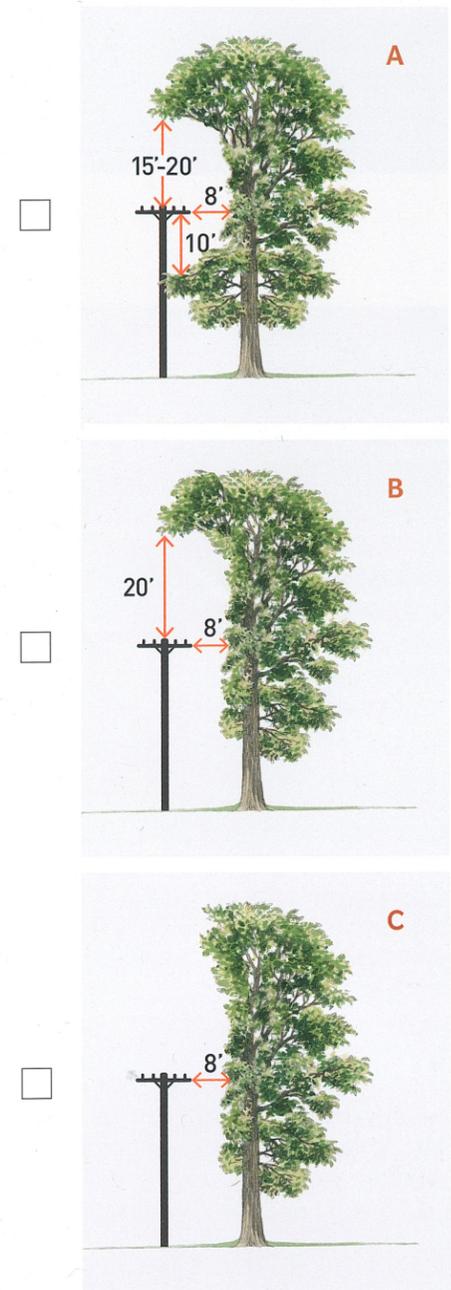
### We Need Your Consent to Improve Reliability

Effective communication is key to superior customer service. That's why Eversource seeks property owner approval in advance of performing Routine Tree Maintenance.

Please review the enclosed form for details about reliability improvement work proposed on or near your property. Please sign the form, place it back inside the door hanger, and hang it on your door for an Eversource contractor to collect.

\*A hazardous tree is any tree or part of a tree that is dead, extensively decayed or structurally weak, which, if it falls, would endanger utility infrastructure, facilities or equipment.

Tree work to be performed based on past clearances, power lines, and tree location condition.





Date: \_\_\_\_\_

For property at: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_

On Eversource Electrical Circuit: \_\_\_\_\_

Dear Property Owner,

Please review the enclosed brochure describing proposed tree work along the utility wires on or near your property.

**There is no charge for this work**, however, if you have any questions, please contact \_\_\_\_\_, a qualified Eversource tree contractor from \_\_\_\_\_, at ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_.

Please review the tree work details below, and fill out this form if you agree to the work. Please keep the attached pink Customer Copy for your records. Place the white and yellow copies inside the door hanger, hang it back on your door, and we will collect the form during the next few days. If you received this notification form in the mail, please send it back to us in the enclosed envelope.

*Thank you.*

**Proposed Tree Work Description**

- Prune or remove large and/or small branches, as explained in the enclosed brochure. Branches will be chipped.
- Remove brush and small trees (up to 6 inches in trunk diameter) that could grow into the power lines from below or from the side.
- Take down tagged/marked trees.  Wood will remain on site
- Apply herbicide to cut stumps to prevent regrowth.
- Additional Information \_\_\_\_\_

**I own the identified property, and**

- I consent to the proposed tree work to improve reliability
- I request a modification to the proposed tree work (see comments below)
- I object to the proposed tree work

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred telephone number at: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**I do not own the property.**

The owner is:

Name (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred telephone number at: ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

If you object to this reliability improvement work, or wish to modify the proposed tree work, a written submission is required within 10 business days of receiving this notice.

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