

Important Information for Homeowners Along Transmission Rights-of-Way

We are committed to the delivery of safe, reliable electricity to the communities we serve, which includes regular vegetation management along transmission rights-of-way.

A variety of Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) methods may be used on the electricity transmission right-of-way on or adjacent to your property, including hand cutting, mowing, and selective herbicide application, all carried out by our licensed and experienced contractors. IVM is essential to providing safe and reliable delivery of electricity. It prevents tall-growing vegetation from growing into the overhead lines.

In addition, we manage vegetation to allow access to the lines for routine maintenance and for restoration of electric service following major storms.

By implementing IVM methods, we create stable, low-growing plant communities that require minimal maintenance and disruption of the environment. These plant communities provide a healthy wildlife habitat, especially for those animals requiring open fields, meadows, and shrubs.

Use of herbicides within our IVM approach is regulated by federal and state statutes and regulations. Specific measures have been implemented to deploy targeted herbicide treatments rather than broad applications, which helps encourage pollinator species. Pollinator habitats support a diverse range of plant and animal species, contributing to overall ecosystem health.

These requirements protect sensitive areas such as:

- surface water supplies
- wetlands
- public and private wells
- visually sensitive sites near roads and residences

At National Grid, we believe our IVM approach to right-of-way vegetation management is the most environmentally friendly and customer-friendly way to accomplish this necessary task. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have as the work is carried out.



The work takes place in up to four phases:

- 1** Crews hand cut tall hardwood and conifer trees within the right-of-way, and identify appropriate buffers surrounding public water supplies, private wells, streams, ponds, lakes, and residences.
- 2** Crews treat the stumps of cut hardwood trees with herbicide to prevent re-sprouting.
- 3** Selective foliar (leaf) application of herbicides, primarily to hardwood trees, takes place while leaves are on the trees.
- 4** Work at roads and yards is carried out throughout the year.