

April 25, 2023



Avon Board of Selectmen Chairperson
65 East Main St
Avon, MA 02322

Dear Board of Selectmen Chairperson:

In a letter sent on November 28, 2022, you received notification that National Grid would carry out late winter-spring mechanical control, cut surface (CST) or basal treatment; a summer selective foliage treatment; and, as necessary, summer and fall CST and basal treatments on rights-of-way, which pass through your municipality. Information on National Grid's approved Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) and a link to maps showing the rights-of-way to be treated were included with that letter.

The current five-year Vegetation Management Plan (VMP), approved 2023 YOP, and 2023 maps are posted on National Grid's website: https://www9.nationalgridus.com/transmission/c3-8_standocs.asp

Please let us know if there are any additional *sensitive areas* located on or near the rights-of-way. Please advise us as soon as possible so we can establish permanent GIS records and implement appropriate field protective actions. We particularly rely on this process to collect corrections to the public wells and to record the location of private wells.

National Grid's YOP details specific information pertaining to the intended 2023 program. Please note that the YOP also lists the rights-of-way from the 2022 treatment program in case National Grid needs to request a "touch-up" retreatment of scattered locations from our contractor(s). If upon review of the previous year's treatments, National Grid finds a site(s) within your municipality that need follow-up treatments, this letter serves as notification of that follow-up treatment. The individual landowner(s) will be also be notified about this work. *Please note that scheduled rights-of-way are subject to change based on workplan constraints*

Commonwealth of Massachusetts recommended herbicides for use in *sensitive areas* listed in Section 7 (pages 13-15) of the YOP will be selectively applied to target vegetation by experienced, Massachusetts' licensed/certified applicators that walk along the rights-of-way using backpack equipment. Copies of the manufacturers' herbicide labels and fact sheets are also included in the YOP, Appendices 8 and 9.

Potential Treatment Periods*

January 23, 2023 – May 30, 2023	May 30, 2023 - Oct 15, 2023	Oct 15, 2023 – Dec 31, 2023
CST	Foliar	CST
Basal	CST	Basal
Dormant stem	Basal	Dormant Stem
	Cut stubble	

* The exact treatment dates are dependent upon weather conditions and field crew progress.

In compliance with 333 CMR 11.06-11.07, no herbicide applications will occur before the conclusion of the 45-day YOP review period, the 21-day treatment notice and the 48-hour newspaper notice. At the end of these review periods, which can run concurrently, no application shall commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the treatment periods listed above.

The work will be performed by one of the following vegetation management vendors:

Lewis Tree Service, Inc.	Stanley Tree	Vegetation Control Service, Inc.
300 Lucius Gordon Drive	662 Great Road	2342 Main Street
West Henrietta, NY 14586	North Smithfield, RI 02896	Athol, MA 01331
(585) 436-3208	(401) 765-4677	(978) 249-5348

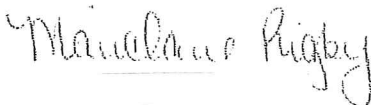
This informational 21-day notification follows Chapter 132B, section 6B of the Massachusetts General Laws, 333 CMR 11.05-11.07 Rights of Way Management and Chapter 85, Section 10 of the Acts of 2000. National Grid's vegetation management program is subject to federal and state regulations only. By statute, local permits or rulings are not applicable.

For inquiries concerning safety of the herbicides, please contact:

Director of Rights-of-Way Programs
Department of Agricultural Resources
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500
Boston, MA 02114-2151
Telephone: (617) 626-1781

Please contact me if you have any questions about the application and monitoring of the vegetation control program. The best way to contact me is through email at mariclaire.rigby@nationalgrid.com or please leave a message at 508-860-6282

Sincerely,



Mariclaire Rigby
Lead Vegetation Strategy Specialist

cc: Board of Health
Conservation Commission
Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau
Assigned vegetation management vendor
