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Town of Portland
or Current Resident
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Dear Neighbor,

As part of its everyday efforts to deliver reliable energy and superior customer service, Eversource is planning vegetation management work on the right-of-way on or adjacent to your property. To keep the power flowing and maintain safe system operation, we regularly remove tall-growing trees along 2,300 miles of power corridors.

This work will help maintain the reliability of the electric system in Connecticut. It is scheduled to start in September 2016 and may continue into the early months of 2017. The schedule is subject to change due to weather and other unexpected circumstances.

What You Can Expect

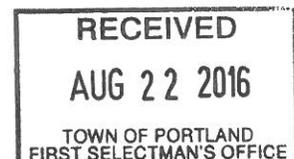
Eversource is scheduled to remove all tall-growing tree species in an expanded area of the transmission right-of-way on or adjacent to your property. These trees pose a serious safety hazard if they were to come in contact with energized equipment, and may lead to power outages that could impact thousands of electric customers. The removal of tall-growing trees in the rights-of-way will improve system performance, especially during severe weather.

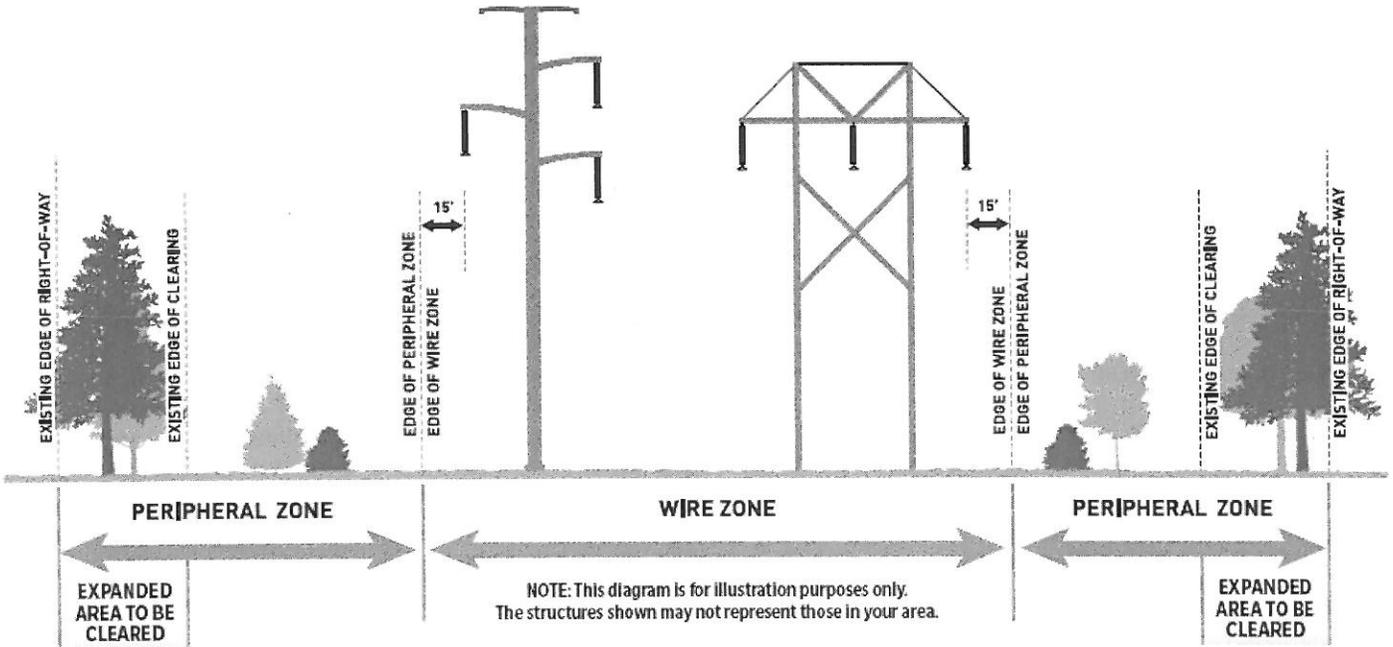
Eversource is using a professional line clearance contractor to perform the work. The vegetation management work will be accomplished by using mechanical tree-harvesting equipment, manual climbing crews and tree-chipping equipment. The contractors will have identification with them to show that they are working with Eversource. Prior to work starting in your area, our Field Outreach representatives will be in touch with you to provide additional details and timing.

Understanding Clearance Areas

Eversource's contractors will be working to remove tall-growing trees within the peripheral zone of the right-of-way. The diagram on the next page illustrates a typical right-of-way condition and the expanded area that is to be cleared as part of this project.

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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. If the project does not hear from you within two weeks of this letter's date, that wood will be removed. The wood that is kept for your personal use will be stacked in log lengths (about 18 - 22 feet long) along the edge of the clearing limits. If the clearing edge is in an environmentally sensitive area, we'll discuss an alternate stacking location with you. Wood that is cut on Eversource-owned property will be removed from the site.

Next Steps

We are committed to keeping the lines of communication open. Please contact us with any questions you might have about the proposed work. We can be reached at 888-673-9943 or CTVegMaintenance@eversource.com. Thank you for your patience and cooperation while Eversource performs this reliability project.

Sincerely,

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