



Vegetation Control Service, Inc.

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April 1st, 2023

Town of Alton
PO Box 637
Alton NH 03809

To Selectman/Mayor/or Town Manager

Please be advised, that New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC) and its contractor consultant, Vegetation Control Service, Inc. (VCS) intends to selectively apply herbicides to undesirable vegetation growing within power line rights of way corridors located in your community.

This treatment will be performed by experienced, State of NH Certified Applicators, authorized by Special Permit # 039, issued by the NH Division of Pesticide Control. In compliance with State of NH, Code of Administrative Rules, Pes 505.06 regarding public notification of herbicide treatments to rights of way, we have enclosed the following for your information and review.

- Copies of the "Herbicide Use Notification", including the identification of the power lines scheduled for treatment, herbicide products to be used and an attached returnable coupon for those individuals who desire personal notification or may want to advise us of a sensitive area of concern near the right of way.
- Copy of the topographical maps, depicting the location of the power line, rights of way intended for treatment.
- Copies of (NHEC) door hanger notification of herbicide spraying to be left with each power line right of way abutter along with a copy of the "Herbicide Use Notification".

In addition to this enclosed notice, the "Herbicide Use Notice" will be published in a newspaper of State wide circulation and those of local circulation, to help inform the public. We encourage you however, to post this notice in customary places of public notification including town websites as you deem appropriate.

We would also request that you submit a copy of this notification to your local Health Board or Water Department

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the actual herbicide treatment program, please feel free to contact me at 603-325-3227, during the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday thru Friday.

If you have questions concerning NHEC's lines, poles, facilities or general information relating to utility issues, please contact:

Joel Cook, Utility Arborist

603-536-8712

New Hampshire Electric Co-op

579 Tenney Mountain Highway

Plymouth, NH 03264

Telephone: Monday thru Friday, 6:00 am to 3:30 pm

On behalf of NHEC, we thank you in advance for your assistance and cooperation with this project.

Sincerely,

Mike Couture, Vegetation Control Service, Inc.

NHEC Project Manager

1-603-325-3227/mcouture@vegetationcontrol.com

Enclosed (s):

- Herbicide Use Notification/Return Coupons
- Topographical Map
- NHEC Abutter Door Hangers

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UPON REQUEST * * *

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ALTON TOWN CLERK

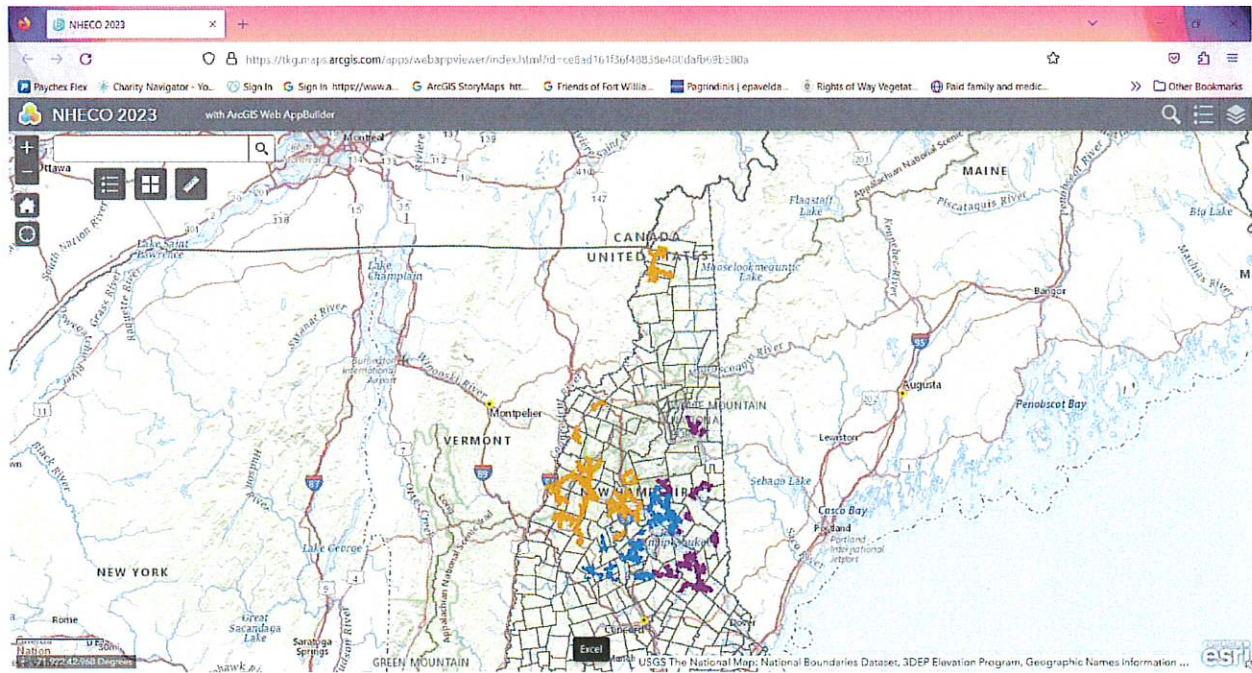
2023 NHEC Maps

In addition to the required maps mailed to your municipality at a 1:24,000 Scale, it is now possible to view the rights-of-way scheduled for 2023, in more detail on a web map.

<https://vegetationcontrol.com/nhec-maps/>

The map works very much like google maps, but it is customized to search only the information added to the base map.

1. Start by searching for a town
2. Zoom in to the location
3. Click on the powerline or pole to see details in a popup box



— NOTICE —
**to Homeowners Along Electric
Distribution Rights of Way**



New Hampshire Electric Co-op (NHEC) has contracted with Vegetation Control Service, Inc. (VCS) to conduct an Herbicide Application Program on or adjacent to your property. VCS is an industry leader with 40 years of herbicide application experience in right of way maintenance programs.

This herbicide application will be part of NHEC's Integrated Vegetation Management Program (IVMP). A selective herbicide application will be used to control regrowth of hardwood stump sprouts from recent cutting, trimming or mowing operations on the distribution system. This is very essential to provide safe and reliable electric delivery. This selective herbicide application prevents undesirable, tall growing tree species from growing up into the conductors. It also establishes a low growing, stable plant community that allows crews working to maintain or restore power, access to the lines.

The use of herbicides as part of our IVMP is regulated by federal and state statutes and regulations. These requirements protect sensitive areas such as: Surface Waters, Public and Private Wells, Wetlands, Visually sensitive areas near roads and/or residences.

The herbicide products used for this application have been registered with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and will be applied by certified applicators according to specific label directions. Applications will be selective, in that the herbicides will be applied directly to undesirable target species.

If you have any concerns about this application please contact VCS within 14 days of the date on reverse side.

This notice was delivered on: _____

Treatments are scheduled to commence on or about: _____

VCS Representative: _____

May be contacted at: **603-325-3227**

NHEC Line #: _____ Pole #: _____

Town: _____, NH

Contact Hours: **Monday-Friday / 8am-4pm**

NHEC lines can be identified by a metal tag attached to the pole with the letters "NHE CO-OP" followed by a line identification # and pole # usually immediately under the "co-op" label.

NHEC believes that our IVMP is the most responsible way to provide safe, reliable electric distribution service to our members at a reasonable cost with the least impact to our environment. Please visit our website for more information about NHEC's IVMP at:

www.nhec.com

