

**Public Notice
RIGHT-OF-WAY MAINTENANCE**

As required by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 85, NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation hereby gives notice that it intends to apply herbicides along the length of their rights-of-way in the following municipalities:

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| Abington | Duxbury | Hopkinton | Milville | Uxbridge |
| Ashland | East Bridgewater | Kingston | Norfolk | Walpole |
| Avon | Fairhaven | Lexington | Plymouth | Waltham |
| Bellingham | Frammingham | Marion | Plympton | Wareham |
| Blackstone | Franklin | Marstfield | Randolph | Wareland |
| Braintree | Freetown | Mattapoisett | Rochester | Weston |
| Brockton | Halifax | Medway | Sharon | Weymouth |
| Burlington | Hanson | Mendon | Sherborn | Whitman |
| Carleton | Holbrook | Middleborough | Stoughton | Woburn |
| Carver | Holliston | Millis | Sudbury | |

NSTAR utilizes herbicides as a key component of their integrated vegetation management (IVM) program—a combination of mechanical, herbicide and natural controls—to promote long-term solutions with minimal impact to non-targeted organisms. By establishing and maintaining low-growing plant communities that compete with woody vines, trees and invasive species, IVM decreases the frequency of treatments while supporting the need to deliver electricity to your homes.

Krenite S, Accord Concentrate or Rodeo mixed with Escort XP and one of the following herbicides Arsenal, Arsenal Powerline or Polaris will be applied selectively to the foliage of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Foliar Application). Accord Concentrate or Rodeo and possibly one of the following herbicides Arsenal, Arsenal Powerline or Polaris will be applied directly to the surface of stumps immediately after target vegetation is cut (Cut Surface Treatments). Garlon 4 or Garlon 4 Ultra will be applied selectively to the stems of target vegetation using hand-held equipment (Basal Application).

Treatment Periods

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| July 16 to October 19, 2012 | October 8 to December 31, 2012 |
| Foliar | Sensitive Foliar |
| Cut Surface | Cut Surface |
| | Basal |

No application shall commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the treatment periods listed above.

Questions may be directed to William Hayes, Senior Arborist, NSTAR Electric & Gas Corporation, 781-441-3932.

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+ WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 2012

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