

Trees and brush are cut inside and adjacent to right-of-way corridors. This practice helps maintain safe and reliable electric service for customers. It also allows for quicker access to power structures during service restoration and maintenance work.



What is a Hazard Tree?

- Trees and tree limbs that connect with electrical lines are a leading cause of power outages, especially during storms. Hazard Trees are diseased, dead, dying, or leaning trees or limbs near power lines that have the **potential to cause power outages**.
- We cut the portion of the tree that may hit the line. This may mean taking the entire tree down.

Are there tree and vegetation guidelines?

- We follow the **American National Standard for Tree Care Operations (ANSI A300)** for tree trimming—supported by International Society of Arboriculture certified arborists and other tree care experts. This method leaves remaining limbs intact and helps direct future growth away from power lines.
- At first, ANSI A300 trimming may appear drastic. However, trees are healthier in the long-term since fewer cuts are used. Affected areas callous quickly, which reduces decay and makes future trimming less stressful for the tree and less noticeable.
- We also follow **Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM)**, a practice that promotes desirable low-growth native species and controls the spread of non-native invasive species.
- IVM creates a positive environmental impact for native plants and pollinators. IVM strategies reduce the volume and environmental impact of routine vegetation maintenance.

How often do you manage trees and other vegetation?

- We regularly patrol lines to monitor vegetation growth. Transmission lines are routinely maintained about every three to four years.

Who is responsible for removing felled trees and debris?

- The disposal of tree debris is determined by the established easement agreement. Each property's easement is unique. If you have questions about your easement, please contact our right of way team by email etrow@dominionenergy.com or call 800-215-8032.

How do you manage vegetation in the right of way?

- We carefully spot-treat woody-stemmed growth using low volume applications of EPA approved, non-restricted use herbicides.
- We spray only the undesirable plant species (as opposed to broadcast applications). "Low volume" application means the Company uses only the volume of herbicide necessary to remove the selected plant species.
- The Company uses licensed contractors to perform this work. They are either certified applicators or registered technicians in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Our team is dedicated to being respectful of your property and providing as much information as possible. If you have questions or concerns about the right of way corridor, please email etrow@dominionenergy.com or call 800-215-8032.