

Woody vegetation is controlled within right-of-way corridors to maintain safe and reliable electric service for customers, facilitating quicker access to power structures during service restoration and maintenance activities.



What is Our Goal?

- Trees and tree limbs that connect with electrical lines are a leading cause of power outages, especially during storms. Our goal is to prevent an outage caused by vegetation growing into the lines from within our easement.
- Herbicide applications, within the easement, provide an array of benefits to the local ecosystem while helping to prevent power outages.
- Our rights to apply herbicides are established by a property easement agreement and specifically refer to tall or fast-growing vegetation that may impact our facilities within the rights of way

What is an Herbicide Application?

- There are a variety of different herbicide application methods. The two most common within our rights of way are: Low-Volume Foliar Herbicide Application and Cut-Stump Herbicide Application
- Low-Volume Foliar Herbicide Application:
 - An herbicide mixture is selectively applied to the foliage of the target species with a backpack sprayer.
 - A Low-Volume Application allows the applicator to “target” only the individual stem that needs to be controlled, providing little to no “off target” control of desirable vegetation.
- Cut-Stump Herbicide Application:
 - A herbicide mixture applied directly to the stump after the vegetation has been cut.
 - A Cut-Stump Application allows for the removal of the above ground portion of the target species while also achieving control of the root system.

Who and What?

- Who applies the herbicide?
 - The Company contracts with licensed pesticide businesses in your state to perform herbicide applications.
 - In Virginia, this means a VDACS licensed commercial applicator/registered technician is applying the herbicide mixtures.
- What herbicides are being used?
 - Contractors are applying EPA regulated products that have been registered for use in your state.
 - The Company requires the use of “General Use” pesticides.

We understand trees are an important part of your property. Our team is dedicated to being respectful and we work hard to minimize our footprint while maintaining grid reliability and community safety. If you have questions or concerns about the right of way corridor, please email etrow@dominionenergy.com or call 800-215-8032.