

## **Eversource** is Trimming Trees to Help Prevent Power Outages

Work scheduled along 25 miles of electric lines in Marlborough

BERLIN, Conn. (June 29, 2016) – Trees are the number one cause of power outages in Connecticut, especially during severe weather. To minimize those outages, Eversource works year-round to trim and remove trees that threaten the electric system, while also respecting the natural landscape. This year, the company is investing \$350,000 in tree work in Marlborough, where pruning along 25 miles of overhead electric lines is currently underway.

“While we all love our trees, they can have a devastating effect on the electric system during a storm,” said Sean Redding, Manager of Vegetation Management at Eversource in Connecticut. “Our team of certified arborists works closely with the tree warden in every community where we trim trees to strike the right balance of esthetics and reliable electric service. As a result, we’ve seen fewer power outages where this work has been done.”

Tree trimming significantly improves reliability for Eversource customers. In fact, since 2011, regularly scheduled pruning has reduced the number of tree-caused outages by 40 percent in Connecticut.

Tree work in Marlborough is being done by Asplundh Tree Expert Company and is expected to be complete by the end of September. Eversource arborists have been notifying customers in advance if trimming is necessary on their property.

Work is taking place on the following roads: Austin Drive, Beverly Lane, Carriage Lane, Chapman Road, Cheney Road, Coleman Lane, Edstrom Road, Finley Hill Road, Fuller Road, Hall Street, Hemlock Drive, Hodge Road, Isleib Road, Jones Hollow Road, Keirstead Circle, Lafayette Road, Lake Ridge Drive, Lake Road, Laurel Lane, Main Street, Myrna Drive, Oak Drive, Park Road, Pettengill Road, Pinegrove Drive, Planeta Road, Portland Road, Roberts Road, Sarah Lane, Standish Drive, Stony Brook Drive, Surrey Lane, Walker Lane, Walnut Drive and West Road.

Eversource has been closely coordinating with Marlborough Tree Warden Chris Corsa and residents with questions can contact him directly at (860) 295-6229.

For more information on Eversource’s tree trimming program, please visit:

<https://www.eversource.com/Content/ct-c/residential/outages/why-eversource-trims-trees>