



Transmission Right-of-Way Activities in Agricultural Lands

Eversource is committed to working with landowners before, during and after construction on transmission rights of way.

Eversource manages approximately 2,300 miles of transmission line rights of way (power line corridors) in Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Where transmission lines span agricultural lands, we work closely with property owners to protect their farmland while maintaining the right of way for utility uses. On Eversource-owned property, we also consider licensing portions of our property to farmers for agricultural or other purposes.

As we improve our transmission system to better serve customers, we may need to temporarily work in croplands and pasturelands located within rights of way. In some instances, this may affect ongoing agricultural activities in and around the rights of way. While easement agreements typically grant us rights to clear vegetation that may interfere with construction, operation or maintenance of the electric system, we are committed to being good neighbors and partners. When we undertake system improvements, we will work closely with landowners, licensees and stakeholders to minimize agricultural impacts.

Some of our routine practices include:

Scheduling Considerations

Whenever possible, Eversource makes reasonable efforts to coordinate the schedule of construction-related activities around the growing and harvest seasons to minimize the impacts on agricultural operations. When this is not possible, we pursue reasonable measures to lessen any impacts.

Restoration of Disturbed or Compacted Soils

Eversource recognizes that disturbed soils, or soils compacted by heavy construction equipment, may affect the soil's ability to support certain agricultural activities. We take reasonable steps to avoid or minimize soil compaction, and will restore soils that are compacted by construction equipment. We also work with affected landowners to determine the appropriate method for restoring the soils, and are open to discussing and implementing the landowners' alternative restoration suggestions.

After a transmission system improvement is complete, Eversource removes all construction-related equipment and debris from the right of way.

Soil Preservation and Erosion Controls

Eversource will implement all required and other reasonable efforts for soil preservation and erosion controls, complying with all applicable permits and good utility practices. These practices are designed to minimize or eliminate potential adverse environmental effects that may result from construction activities. Examples of these mitigation measures include the use of hay bales and silt fences to lessen erosion.

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Excess Soil Removal

After the installation of a transmission structure is complete, soil material that was excavated to enable the structure installation will be used as backfill. The remaining excavated sub-surface soils will be removed from the site unless otherwise requested by the landowner.

Right-of-Way Restoration

After construction is complete, Eversource is responsible for importing clean fill to ensure that cropland or pastureland is restored. We work with landowners to determine an appropriate method for restoring the surface soils to return pasturelands to their pre-construction condition.

Addressing Damage to Property or Other Losses

Eversource works closely with landowners to develop and implement construction and maintenance methods that minimize or prevent property damage or other losses that may occur as a result of these activities. If a landowner believes that transmission system improvements have caused property damage or other losses, the owner should contact us using the information below.

We're There When You Need Us. For More Information:

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