

Herbicide Use Near Power Lines

- Excessive vegetation growth along our power line right-of-ways can create a safety concern for our employees, contractors and the public. Herbicide application is an essential component of our Vegetation Management Program.
- Vegetation growth can prevent our crews from reaching and responding promptly to emergency situations and outages. Line crews must be able to travel the power lines for planned maintenance purposes as well.
- Nalcor maintains over 1,800 kilometers of transmission lines and we would not be able to maintain our power lines effectively without using herbicides. Vegetation such as alder and aspen grow rapidly following cutting.
- In any given area, herbicides are typically effective in controlling vegetation for 7-10 years.
- Herbicide products and their application are regulated in Newfoundland and Labrador to ensure there is no risk to public health and safety.
- Signage is posted in all treated areas, notifying the public that the area has been treated with herbicides.
- Herbicide products are mixed at very low rates and most of the spray (over 99 per cent) is water. By applying the products according to the strict regulations, risks to human health and the environment are avoided. If a person were to eat sprayed berries there is no need for concern. However, people may wish to avoid consuming treated berries as a precaution.

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