

Advanced Notice: Cattail/Phragmites & Brush Control Program

The Saginaw County Road Commission will begin its 2016 Cattail/Phragmites Control Program on or after July 10, 2016. Program completion, subject to weather and/or operational factors, is expected by July 31, 2016.

The Road Commission Cattail/Phragmites Control Program will also involve the application of herbicides to specific types of cattails and phragmites county-wide.

The specific herbicide and specialty products utilized in these treatments will be as follows:

- Cattail Treatment: Rodeo; Elite Plantium; Mistrol.
- Phragmites Treatment: Habitat; Rodeo; Elite Platinum; Mistrol.

The Saginaw County Road Commission will begin its 2016 Herbicide Brush Control Program on or after August 1, 2016. Program completion, subject to weather and/or operational factors, is expected by September 16, 2016.

Village Green, 1616 Tech Dr., Bay City, MI 48706, is under contract with the Saginaw County Road Commission to perform vegetation management services on designated county roads in the following townships: Marion, Chapin, Brady, Brant, St. Charles, Chesaning & Maple Grove.

The Road Commission Brush Control Program will involve the application of herbicides to specific types of roadside vegetation, such as weeds, brush and low hanging tree limbs. The program will be implemented for safety and economic reasons.

The specific herbicide and specialty products utilized in this treatment will be as follows:

- Brush Spraying Treatment: Escort XP; Garlon 3A; Nufilm IR; Mistrol.

If you, another family member or other resident of your home is medically sensitive to herbicides or if you simply prefer that your property not be included for treatment as part of the County Road Commission brush control operations, you have the option to have your property omitted from the program. To exercise this option you must obtain an application form for a “No Brush Control Treatment Zone” from the County Road Commission. **The completed application form for the “No Brush Control Treatment Zone” must be returned, in person or by mail, and received by the Office of the Road Commission Director of Maintenance prior to the application due date, July 7, 2016.**

As a condition of approval of a “No Brush Control Treatment Zone” application, the requesting property owner must agree to properly clear the road right-of-way abutting the subject property of undesirable weed growth, brush and low hanging limbs. In exercising this option, the Road Commission will supply signs to place on your property as a visual indication to the brush control applicators that you are taking responsibility for the control of brush for your own road frontage. The area will then be omitted from the County Road Commission brush control program, but only if the area is clear of weeds, brush and low hanging limbs at the time of inspection by the Contractor and/or Road Commission personnel.

Property owners that request and are authorized to opt out of the County Road Commission brush control program must agree to annually remove right-of-way weeds, brush and low hanging limbs abutting their property. As a point of information, mechanical cutting of right-of-way vegetation may result in the accelerated re-growth of many types of weeds and brush. Therefore, the property owner will be responsible to perform this operation annually. This advance notice and information is being supplied in accordance with the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Regulation No. 637 Pre-Notification Requirement.

Technical information concerning this application may be requested by calling Village Green at (989) 671-2300. Administrative and operational information may be obtained from the Saginaw County Road Commission Maintenance Department at 989-752-6140.

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