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CITY MANAGER  
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### **Reliable electricity delivery service for your community**

Here in Maine, we live in the most heavily forested state in the nation and having beautiful trees too close to our electrical wires can cause power outages or lead to other public safety issues. We work year-round to reduce tree related outages and deliver the reliable service you depend on. An important part of our Tree Care program is to prevent outages along transmission lines. In 2026, our qualified contractors may be conducting tree work in your community.

Our objective is to remove and discourage tree growth and to encourage the growth of grasses, ferns and bushes around power lines which traverse the countryside. We use a very limited amount of federally approved herbicides and all herbicides are applied by hand, directly to the individual tree we need to control, using hand-pressurized backpacks. Additionally, when trees are removed, herbicides are applied directly to the top of the freshly cut stumps to prevent resprouting.

After the snow melts, contractors will be cutting brush over 8-feet tall and treating the stumps with an herbicide in transmission rights-of-way. These same rights-of-way will be selectively treated with herbicides during the growing season.

Landowners who object to the use of herbicides in transmission corridors next to their property may request a Landowner's Maintenance Agreement with CMP. The landowner must also then agree to maintain these areas to CMP's specifications. Landowner Agreement forms or additional information may be obtained by emailing **group.arborists\_cmp@cmpco.com**, writing to CMP Vegetation Management, 83 Edison Drive, Augusta, ME 04336, or by calling Nicholas Hahn at **207.620.4618**.

For more information about our Tree Care program, visit **cmpco.com/TreeCare**. We appreciate the opportunity to deliver reliable service to our customers in your community.

Sincerely,

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