

LOWELL HEALTH DEPARTMENT
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Ralph Snow, P.E.
Commissioner of Public Works

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April 1, 2019

Dear Municipal Official:

This letter is to inform you that the City of Lowell DPW intends to selectively apply herbicides along select locations on the city's public ways to control vegetation that poses a public nuisance and/or poses a risk to pedestrian or vehicular safety.

Lowell utilizes herbicides as a key component of their integrated vegetation management (IVM) program that includes cultural, physical, mechanical, and chemical management techniques that control undesirable vegetation in an ecologically sound manner.

Enclosed is Lowell's 2019 Yearly Operational Plan (YOP) that details specific information pertaining to this year's intended program. (Full document on file at Health Dept.)

Please review the YOP map(s). **If there are any additional sensitive areas located on or near the ROWs please advise us as soon as possible so permanent record can be established and appropriate field protective actions implemented. We particularly rely on this process to collect corrections to the public wells and to record the location of private wells.**

The chosen herbicides (listed in YOP) will be selectively applied to target vegetation by experienced, Massachusetts' licensed/certified applicators using backpack, handheld or truck mounted application equipment. It is anticipated that selective cut surface treatments will take place between June 1st and December 31st, 2019. All other treatments, which comprise the bulk of the program including pre-emergent, foliar, and basal treatments will take place between June 1st and October 15th, 2019. The exact time is dependent upon weather conditions and field crew progress.

All of the herbicides selected for this program are registered by the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and the Massachusetts Pesticide Board and all but one are recommended for use in and around sensitive areas by the Massachusetts Pesticide Bureau (please refer to the YOP for specifics and the *Sensitive Area Materials List* at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/pesticides/rights-of-way-sensitive-area-materials-list.html>).

In compliance with 333 CMR 11.06-11.07, No herbicide applications occur before the conclusion of the 45 day YOP review period, the 21 day treatment notice and the 48 hour newspaper notice. At the end of these review periods—which ran concurrently— no application shall commence more than ten days before nor conclude more than ten days after the treatment periods listed above.

Under the direct supervision of a Category 40 pesticide licensee, the treatment will be performed by:

Municipal Pest Management Service

21 River Rd.
Newington, NH 03801

Vegetation Control Service, Inc.

2342 Main Street
Athol, MA 01331
(978) 249-5348

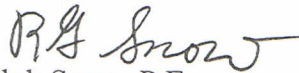
This informational 21-day notification is in compliance with Chapter 132B, section 6B of the Massachusetts General Laws and 333 CMR 11.05-11.07 Rights of Way Management and Chapter 85, Section 10 of the Acts of 2000.

For questions concerning the safety of the herbicides please contact:

Clayton Edwards
Director of Rights of Way Program
Department of Food and Agriculture
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500
Boston, MA 02114-2151

If there are any questions or comments relative to technical questions about the treatment program or you would like a hard copy of the VMP please call my office and I will refer you the appropriate individual.

On behalf of the City of Lowell,



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Enc: Yearly Operational Plan
Environmental Monitor Notice
45 Day Notice