

August 30, 2021 – CCCoLA Update

Arrowhead Electric Regarding Right of Way Clearing

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How often is clearing scheduled?

Starting in 2018, Arrowhead moved to a 5 year cycle. Year one has been mechanical clearing, two years after mechanically clearing, intermittent targeted spot herbicide application, then three years after mechanical again to start a new cycle. If clearing and herbicide is used effectively, clearing could happen every 7 years or longer after a few rotations of 5 year cycles.

Who applies the herbicide?

As of today, we have a relationship with Lake States Tree Service – same company who does the mechanical clearing and some construction of new lines for Arrowhead.

When is it applied?

Two years after the mechanical clearing. Targeted Spot application, focusing on woody tree species, such as birch, aspen, willow, mountain maple to name a few.

Do you watch the weather as to when applying the herbicide?

Yes, they do, so not to apply when heavy rain or winds is in the forecast. There is specific conditions that applicators can apply herbicide in.

Application close to lakes?

The products they used in 2021 can be used right next to bodies or water or streams based on the label application. We implemented self-imposed buffers between 20-100 feet. There are many factors that go into how far we stay away from bodies of water, including landowner requests.

Can people maintain or opt out of herbicide treatment?

Arrowhead does have an opt out from the herbicide part of our Integrated Management Program. By opting out, there is a fee that will be added to your monthly bill. The fee is \$5.54 per span (roughly a span is pole to pole, average span is 250'). This fee helps offset the higher cost of using only mechanical means and no herbicide to manage the ROW. If there is no work to be performed within a ROW, the clearing crews will move on to the next property. Arrowhead will not enter into agreements with members to maintain their own right of ways, but that being said, if there is no work to perform, whether mechanical or herbicide, the crews move on from that property. It is Arrowheads

responsibility to actively manage all the ROW within our system, and visit most ROW at least twice within a five year cycle.

What herbicide is being used?

Garlon3A is being used in 2021

How about a pollinator program?

With Cook Cty Soil and Water, Arrowhead distributed some native seed packets this year. This was done during association meetings, along with hopefully our new annual tree give away program in the spring. An event where Arrowhead distributes species such as Black Cherry, Hazelnut, etc during events to educate the membership about our Integrated Management Program for the ROW's.

Is the Coop required by law to maintain the ROW?

It is Arrowheads responsibility to maintain the ROW on a regular schedule, to ensure safe, reliable and environmental sustainable power to all members. We adhere to our legal easements and use industry Best Management Practices to accomplish this.

If anyone has any further questions or would like to talk about a specific parcel, by all means contact me. I available via phone, email and on site visits.

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