



STATE OF VERMONT

AGENCY OF AGRICULTURE, FOOD & MARKETS

ARMES Division, Agency of Agriculture

Telephone: 1-802-828-6531

REQUEST FOR PERMIT TO CONDUCT RIGHTS-OF-WAY SPRAYING

Request is hereby made, pursuant to Title 6 V.S.A., Chapter 87, and the regulations issued pursuant thereto, for an approved permit to conduct spraying on rights-of-way within the State of Vermont.

A. General Information

- 1. Title of Organization: **Green Mountain Power Corp.**
- 2. Address: **2152 Post Rd
Rutland VT 05701**
- 3. Telephone Number: **802-770-3231**
- 4. Contact Person: **Jarod Wilcox**

5. Type of Right-of-Way:

- a. Electric Power Transmission Line
- b. Electric Power Distribution Line
- c. Telephone Line
- d. Highway
- e. Pipeline (Specify: Gas, Soil, Water)
- f. Railroad
- g. Airport Approaches and Safety Zones

6. Type of Treatment

- a. Selective Basal
- b. Stump Treatment
- c. Dormant Cane (Broadcast Basal)
- d. Soil Applications (Soil Sterilant)
- e. Ground Broadcast Stem-Foliage
- f. Stem Injection (Frill Treatment)
- g. Selective Low Volume Foliar



116 STATE STREET
DRAWER 20
MONTPELIER, VT 05620-2901

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7. Railroad Right-of-Way Treatment

_____a. Ballast

_____b. Shoulder

B. Site Specific Information

1. List Towns where Treatment will be Made:

See *Attachment: A*

Line

2. Total Acreage to be Treated

Total Acres: +/- 879

Ground Application

Acres: +/- 879

3. Width of Right-of-Way

Feet: 50 -100

4. Width of Area In Right-of-Way to be Treated

Feet: 50 -100

5. Anticipated Starting Date: May 24, 2021

C. Special Needs -

D. Treatment Within Buffer Strips

1. Specific Areas where Application is to be Made:

We plan to use Garlon® 4 Ultra to basal and stump treat hardwood trees to within 15 feet of surface water.

2. Type of Vegetation to be Controlled: Utility incompatible woody species

3. Pesticide(s) to be Applied (List Here and in Section E): Garlon® 4 Ultra

4. Rate of Application (List Here and in Section E): 1 to 2 gal /acre or less

5. Application Technique to be Implemented:
Low volume wand directly to stump or stem under low pressure.

6. Application Equipment to be Used:
Hand operated backpack.

7. Explain how this Request will Protect Sensitive Areas, Sensitive Crops, Site Conditions, Wells, etc.:
Risk of drift is minimized by hand pump/low volume

D. Contractor Information

1. Contractor's Name: *Jamie McKinney*
2. Company Name: *Davey Tree Expert Company*
3. Company Address: *1500 N. Mantua St.
Kent, Ohio 44240*

4. Current Vermont Applicator
Certificate Number: *661-2421*
5. Company Telephone Number: *603-443-7705*

1. Contractor's Name: *Jonathan Molleur*
2. Company Name: *New England Tree Experts*
3. Company Address: *1868 RT. 16
Hardwick, VT 05843*

4. Current Vermont Applicator
Certificate Number: *651-3663*
5. Company Telephone Number: *802-472-6646*

1. Contractor's Name: *David O'Brien*
2. Company Name: *Lewis Tree Service Inc.*
3. Company Address: *300 Lucious Gordon Drive
West Henrietta NY 14586*

4. Current Vermont Applicator
Certificate Number: *1102-3383*
5. Company Telephone Number: *413-237-9870*

1. Contractor's Name: *Justin Miller*
2. Company Name: *Asplundh Tree Experts*
3. Company Address: *547 North Rd
Lancaster NH 03584*

4. Current Vermont Applicator
Certificate Number: *70-3312*
5. Company Telephone Number: *802-770-0481*

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Control Details

E. Control Details - Pesticides to be used, rates to be applied. If more than one chemical is listed, a summary of the uses intended for each chemical must be provided. The summary should state whether the chemical will be mixed or applied separately, specifying which chemicals will control what types of vegetation. (Please note: A copy of a label, SDS Sheet and EPA Fact Sheet (if available) must be supplied for each chemical to be used.)

Trade Name	Common Name of Active Ingredient(s)	EPA Reg. No.	Application Rate Product/Acre	Vegetation to be Controlled	Application Equip. to be Used	Potential Adjuvants
Garlon® 4 Ultra	Triclopyr	62719-527	1 to 2 gal/acre 20% or 25% by volume	Undesirable trees and brush, i.e., poplars, maples, oak, ash, cherry, and elm	Low volume hand operated backpack, low pressure spray units	Arborchem Basal Oil,
Escort® XP	Metsulfuron Methyl	432-1549	0.50 to 2 oz./acre	Undesirable trees and brush, i.e., poplars, maples, oak, ash, cherry, and elm	Low volume hand pump backpack	Thinvert® RTU
Vastlan®	Triclopyr	62719-687	2.25 gal/acre or less	Undesirable trees and brush, i.e., poplars, maples, oak, ash, cherry, and elm	Low volume hand pump backpack	Thinvert® RTU
Polaris®	Isopropylamine Salt of Imazapyr	228-534	6 pints/acre or less	Undesirable trees and brush, i.e., poplars, maples, oak, ash, cherry, and elm	Low volume hand pump backpack	Thinvert® RTU

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F. Methods of Notification

- 1 List the Newspapers in which you will advertise this Application to Comply with Section IV, 4.b., of the Vermont Regulations for Control of Pesticides.

a) See [Attachment: A](#)

Also see sample Ad Format

- 2 Please Indicate Other Notification Option Chosen to Comply with Section IV, 4.c, of the Vermont Regulations for Control of Pesticides.

The second method of notification will be U.S. mail to residents adjacent to the right-of-way.

See [Attachment: B](#)

When practical, an effort will be made to personally notify the individual property owner when working in area.

Also see the annual notice that is mailed to all GMP customers. ([Attachment: C](#)).

G. Other Information To Be Submitted With Application

1. Two (2) Sets of Geodetic (in 7.5 minute scale) or Orthophoto Maps indicating the Right-of-Way to be Treated. (Only one set of maps is needed if maps have been previously submitted and revisions have not been made.)
2. Current Labeling for each Pesticide to be Used.
3. Current Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each Pesticide to be Used.
4. Current Environmental Protection Agency Pesticide Fact Sheet (if available).

The undersigned accepts full responsibility for all statutes and regulations of the State of Vermont and understands that any authorization is limited to the described materials, locations and time periods stated herein.

The undersigned further understands that weekly spray and dusting operations must be reported to the Vermont Department of Agriculture. Such written report shall be on forms furnished by the Commissioner of Agriculture and placed in the mail not later than the close of business on the Monday following the week's operation.

Date March 10 2021

Signature of Applicant Jarod Wilcox

(NOTE: Additional sheets may be attached to include further information.)

Green Mountain Power Corporation
2021 Transmission Integrated Vegetation Management Program - Treatment Type

Selective Low Volume & Ultra Low Volume Foliar -

This refers to a selective application treatment of identified utility incompatible brush during the growing season in a manner to preserve desirable shrub and plant species.

The most effective application technique by targeting individual plants for control while minimizing usage rates.

General Comments:

During the foliar season, selective basal, stump and selective low volume foliar treatment methods will be utilized to control utility incompatible vegetation.

During the dormant season, selective basal and stump applications will be the mode of treatment.

Stump treatment will be used only in isolated sensitive areas such as roadsides, hedgerows, near residences and isolated pockets of tall trees that may be present.

Green Mountain Power Corporation
2021 Transmission Integrated Vegetation Management Program - Line Segment List (ATTACHMENT: A)

Line #	Cycle Year	Line Title	Paper	Township	County	ROW Miles	Total Acres	Treated Acres Last Cycle
2	2021	WOODFORD RD. - PICKETT HILL	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Bennington	Bennington	1.12	13.58	38.7
3	2021	PICKETT HILL - NORTH BENNINGTON	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Bennington	Bennington	4.65	56.36	
4	2021	SILK RD. - MILL ST. TIE	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Bennington	Bennington	2.52	30.55	8.1
5	2021	LYONS ST. TAP	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Bennington	Bennington	0.78	9.45	2.6
6	2021	PICKETT HILL - SEARSBURG	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Bennington, Woodford, Searsburg	Bennington	11.13	134.91	110.7
7	2021	BENNINGTON - E. POWNAL (Maintained by VELCO per JUA)	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Bennington, Pownal	Bennington	5.58	67.64	n/a
8	2021	POWNAI CTR. TAP	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Pownal	Bennington	2.59	31.39	19.6
9	2021	SO. BENNINGTON TAP	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Bennington	Bennington	1.60	19.39	10.3
15	2021	PICKETT HILL VELCO - E. ARLINGTON	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Bennington, Shaftsbury, Arlington	Bennington	12.88	156.12	78.4
16	2021	SO. SHAFTSBURY TAP	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Shaftsbury	Bennington	2.02	24.48	14.1
17	2021	E. ARLINGTON - ARLINGTON	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Arlington	Bennington	1.06	12.85	7.8
18A	2021	WALLACE COMPUTER TAP	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Manchester	Bennington	0.20	2.42	2.4
18	2021	E. ARLINGTON - MANCHESTER	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Arlington, Sunderland, Manchester	Bennington	10.21	123.76	21.8
19	2021	MANCHESTER - RAWSONVILLE	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald, Brattleboro Reformer, Deerfield Valley News	Manchester, Windhall, Jamaica	Bennington, Windham	13.89	168.36	161
20	2021	BROMLEY TAP	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Windhall	Bennington	3.00	36.36	3.3
21	2021	STRATTON MT. TAP	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Windhall	Bennington	1.54	18.67	14.2
22	2021	RAWSONVILLE - LONDONDERRY	Brattleboro Reformer, Deerfield Valley News	Jamaica, Londonderry	Windham	4.58	55.52	27.4
25	2021	LADDER HILL - VERNON RD. (Partner w/NatGrid)	Brattleboro Reformer, Deerfield Valley News	Brattleboro	Windham	3.75	45.45	
26	2021	TIE LINE-NEP-SO. BRATTLEBORO S/S	Brattleboro Reformer, Deerfield Valley News	Brattleboro	Windham	0.22	2.67	12.1
27	2021	VERNON RD. - N. BRATTLEBORO	Brattleboro Reformer, Deerfield Valley News	Brattleboro	Windham	2.09	25.33	0
28	2021	VERNON ST-APW TAP (GEORGIA/PACIFIC)	Brattleboro Reformer, Deerfield Valley News	Brattleboro	Windham	0.54	6.55	0
30	2021	TAP TO NO. BRATTLEBORO SUB	Brattleboro Reformer, Deerfield Valley News	Brattleboro	Windham	0.46	5.58	0
31	2021	N.E.P.CO.- FULLFLEX INC.	Brattleboro Reformer, Deerfield Valley News	Brattleboro	Windham	0.26	3.15	0
32	2021	NO. BRATTLEBORO - DUMMERSTON	Brattleboro Reformer, Deerfield Valley News	Dummerston, Brattleboro	Windham	7.42	89.94	52.3
33	2021	DUMMERSTON - RAWSONVILLE	Brattleboro Reformer, Deerfield Valley News	Jamaica, Townsend, Newfane, Dummerston	Windham	19.94	241.70	194.3
6670	2021	SLEEPY HOLLOW TAP	Bennington Banner, Rutland Herald	Searsburg	Bennington	1.43	17.33	17
6671	2021	DOVER TAP	Brattleboro Reformer, Deerfield Valley News	Wilmington, Dover	Windham	7.31	88.61	68.9
6672	2021	WILMINGTON TAP	Brattleboro Reformer, Deerfield Valley News	Wilmington	Windham	1.80	21.82	14.3
6673	2021	G33 - PUTNEY	Brattleboro Reformer, Deerfield Valley News	Putney	Windham	0.37	4.48	0
			WINDHAM			119.36	1446.79	879.30
			Brattleboro Reformer					
			Deerfield Valley News					
			BENNINGTON					
			Bennington Banner					
			Rutland Herald					

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2021 Integrated Vegetation Management Program
Control Details

Garlon® 4 Ultra

- Manufactured by Dow Agrosiences, EPA Registration # 62719-527
- Garlon® 4 Ultra is a low-odor, non-petroleum, plant-derived methylated seed oil (MSO) solvent with demonstrated increased efficacy on multiple woody species.
- Garlon® 4 Ultra will be applied with basal oils such as Arborchem Basal Oil, Arborchem NPD or HY-GRADE I™. The oils act as a carrier and penetrant to cut stump surfaces. It may also be applied as a Selective Stem Basal Treatment. Garlon® 4 Ultra is applied to stumps and stems via low volume wand.
- Garlon® 4 Ultra is also designed to be used on a woody plant species during the dormant season. It will not be applied to frozen or snow covered ground.

Escort® XP

- Manufactured by DuPont, EPA Registration #432-1549
- Escort® XP is commonly used in tank mixes with other foliar herbicides for broad spectrum species control. This product will be mixed with a drift control and/or surfactant such as Thinvert® or Sunstream II.

Polaris®

- Manufactured by NuFarm, EPA Registration #228-534
- Polaris® is commonly used in tank mixes with other foliar herbicides for broad-spectrum species control. This product will be mixed with a drift control and/or surfactant such as Thinvert® or Sunstream II.

Vastlan®

- Manufactured by Dow Agrosiences, EPA Registration #62719-687
- Vastlan® is applied to the foliage in the summer and early fall.
- Vastlan® will be tank mixed with Polaris® and/or Escort® XP for both low and ultra low volume foliar applications. Tank mixing allows for a broader spectrum of control while reducing rates per acre.
- This product will be mixed with a drift control and/or surfactant such as Thinvert® or Sunstream II.

Thinvert® RTU (Ready to Use)

- Is a combination of phyto-bland paraffinic oil blended with emulsifier, surfactant and water to form a thin invert emulsion that is applied with ULV nozzles. It replaces water as the carrier of herbicide products.
- THINVERT® keeps the herbicide solution wet on the plant for a long period of time, ensuring penetration and a high percentage of control all while minimizing the potential of drift

SAMPLE AD FORMAT- Brattleboro Reformer

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Operations will commence on or about May 24, 2021 using one or more of the following herbicides: Garlon 4 Ultra, Escort XP, Polaris & Vastlan.

Maintenance will be conducted on the following transmission lines in the following towns:

Lines:	Town(s):
RAWSONVILLE - LONDONDERRY	Jamaica, Londonderry
TIE LINE-NEP-SO. BRATTLEBORO	Brattleboro
VERNON RD. - N. BRATTLEBORO	Brattleboro
VERNON ST-APW TAP	Brattleboro
TAP TO NO. BRATTLEBORO SUB	Brattleboro
N.E.P.CO. - FULLFLEX INC.	Brattleboro
NO. BRATTLEBORO - DUMMERSTON	Dummerston, Brattleboro
DUMMERSTON - RAWSONVILLE	Jamaica, Townsend, Newfane, Dummerston
MANCHESTER - RAWSONVILLE	Jamaica
DOVER TAP	Wilmington, Dover
WILMINGTON TAP	Wilmington
G33 - PUTNEY	Putney



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SAMPLE AD FORMAT- Deerfield Valley News

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DUMMERSTON – RAWSONVILLE
MANCHESTER – RAWSONVILLE
DOVER TAP
WILMINGTON TAP
G33 - PUTNEY

Town(s):

Jamaica, Londonderry
Brattleboro
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SAMPLE AD FORMAT- Rutland Herald

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LYONS ST. TAP	Bennington
PICKETT HILL - SEARSBURG	Bennington, Woodford, Searsburg
POWNAI CTR. TAP	Pownal
SO. BENNINGTON TAP	Bennington
PICKETT HILL VELCO - E. ARLINGTON	Bennington, Shaftsbury, Arlington
SO. SHAFTSBURY TAP	Shaftsbury
E. ARLINGTON - ARLINGTON	Arlington
WALLACE COMPUTER TAP	Manchester
E. ARLINGTON - MANCHESTER	Arlington, Sunderland, Manchester
MANCHESTER - RAWSONVILLE	Manchester, Windhall
BROMLEY TAP	Windhall
STRATTON MT. TAP	Windhall
SLEEPY HOLLOW TAP	Searsburg



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SAMPLE AD FORMAT- Bennington Banner

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E. ARLINGTON - ARLINGTON	Arlington
WALLACE COMPUTER TAP	Manchester
E. ARLINGTON - MANCHESTER	Arlington, Sunderland, Manchester
MANCHESTER - RAWSONVILLE	Manchester, Windhall
BROMLEY TAP	Windhall
STRATTON MT. TAP	Windhall
SLEEPY HOLLOW TAP	Searsburg



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Important Annual Notice Regarding Herbicide Use in the Maintenance of Electric Utility Rights-of-Way

The Vermont Public Utility Commission has set forth rules under [PUC 3.600](#) pertaining to the use of herbicides in the maintenance of electric utility rights-of-way. Each spring, herbicide applications may begin on or after April 1st. These rules afford you important rights and duties. Vermont electric utilities maintain electric line rights-of-way with several methods, including the selective use of herbicides on trees and brush. They also encourage low-growing shrubs and trees which will crowd tall-growing species and, thus, minimize the use of herbicides. Methods of herbicide applications may include stump, stem Injection, basal, soil, and foliar. **Only electric utility rights-of-way that have tall-growing tree species with the potential of threatening the electric utility system are treated.**

If you reside on or own property in Vermont within 1000' of an electric utility right-of-way:

1. **Sign up to receive written notification** from your local electric utility of plans to apply herbicide on any ROW within 1000' of your property or the property where you reside. Check nearby poles for tags identifying the utility and/or pole number, complete the form below and submit it to your local electric utility by mail before February 15th, 2021 to be added to the notification list. If determined to be qualified, you will receive notification from the utility at least 30 days prior to scheduled herbicide application.
2. **You are responsible to make your local electric utility aware** of the location of any potentially affected water supply, and of any other environmentally sensitive area where herbicide application ought to be avoided.
3. **Watch and listen for public service announcements** in newspapers and radio ads noting upcoming herbicide applications.
4. **Check with your local electric utility** regarding the vegetation management cycle near your particular line.
5. **You have the right** to request, in writing, that the utility refrain from applying herbicides in the process of clearing the right-of-way, and the utility may offer alternatives such as herbicide stump treatment or herbicide stem injections.
6. **You have the right** to refuse, in writing, the use of herbicides whatsoever at no cost to you if the type of lines in the right-of-way are **distribution lines**, bringing electric service directly to individual customers.
7. **You have the right** to refuse, in writing, the use of herbicides whatsoever by paying a \$30 administration fee if the type of lines in the right-of-way are **transmission lines** or **sub-transmission lines**, bringing electricity to or between substations.

For more details, or to ask additional questions, please contact Green Mountain Power, or one of the following:

Green Mountain Power 163 Acorn Lane Colchester, VT 05446 1-888-835-4672	Agency of Agriculture Public Health & Ag. Resource Mgmt 116 State St., Montpelier, VT 05602 1-802-828-2431	Department of Public Service Consumer Affairs & Public Information 112 State St., Montpelier, VT 05620 1-800-622-4496
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Based on the information above, if you believe you qualify to be notified in advance of pending herbicide applications in the rights-of-way, mail the request below to your local electric company before February 15th, 2021.

Resident/Property Owner Request to be Added to Herbicide Treatment Notification Mailing List	
Name	Town/City of Affected Property
Street Address	Home Phone Number
Town	Work Phone Number
State Zip Code	O.K. to use work number? Yes No (circle one)
Electric Utility Account Number	Best time to contact you
Affected Property: Year-Round Residence Summer Residence Commercial Property Water Supply Organic Farm Land Other (Circle all that apply)	
Line/Pole Identification: Utility Initials	Pole Numbers
Please fill out this request completely to help us determine if you qualify for herbicide treatment notification. MAIL THIS REQUEST TO YOUR LOCAL ELECTRIC UTILITY AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ABOVE BEFORE FEBRUARY 15TH, 2021	

(CURRENT DATE)

Greetings from Green Mountain Power!

I'm reaching out to let you know about the planned vegetation management activities along the Transmission power line right-of-way in your area. This routine work will improve reliability and safety for GMP customers and crews who work to keep the lights on.

The upcoming work will be done over the coming months within the Transmission power line right-of-way that abuts your property. GMP coordinates work with local officials, and crews generally spend several hours in a particular area as they work their way along the line right-of-way. Depending on tree growth and weather conditions, they may spend more or less time – and the amount of work will depend on the vegetation density & growth in proximity to the wires, with safety as the focus.

Work location and site conditions will vary therefore an Integrated Vegetation Management (IVM) strategy will be implemented. GMP works with qualified, contract utility arborists to execute these strategies. Work strategies include; hand cutting, mowing, and selective herbicide application (only if site conditions allow).

What to expect - IVM that may occur:

- Within the right-of-way, mowing or hand cutting of tall utility incompatible plants and clearing of woody stemmed vegetation growing around poles, structures and guy wires.
- Within the right-of-way, during the summer months, selective herbicide application to utility incompatible plant species may occur where applicable. Applications are performed by Vermont Certified Applicators, inspected & regulated by the VT Agency of Agriculture and the GMP Vegetation Management Team.

If you have a well within 100 ft. of the Transmission Right-of-Way or if you would like to discuss the extent of the work in detail, please contact:

***Contractor X info
Company Name
Contact Person Name
Address
Contact Numbers
Email Address***

Green Mountain Power Corporation
2020 Transmission Herbicide Use Chart

