



Common Questions Regarding Our Brushing Practices

1. When you brush around powerlines, will you be removing trees or other vegetation from my property?

Only if there is overlap with the transmission line corridor. If you think there is an overlap and you are concerned about us possibly cutting down vegetation on your property, please call 393-5333.

2. Do I have a say in what trees/brush you remove?

Generally no. Yukon Energy has a responsibility to provide safe and reliable power. To do that, there are times when we need to do some brushing under or adjacent to the line. However it is not Yukon Energy's intention to cut down any more trees/brush than is necessary, and we only do so within the required safe distance (as per code) from the power line.

3. What kind of noise can I expect when the brushing is taking place?

If the contractor is using a hydro ax, the noise can be quite loud. You may want to arrange to be away from your property during the short time that the brushing is taking place in the immediate vicinity of your home.

4. How many hours a day will the contractors be working (and making noise)?

We expect the contractors will work 10 hour days, but the activity directly impacting your property will likely only last a day or two. All work will be done during daylight hours.

5. Is it safe to walk along the corridor while the work is taking place?

No. We would like the general public to stay out of the area while the workers are on site.

6. What about birds' nests? Are they destroyed when you do brushing?

Because of the extent of the work, we usually require six months to complete our brushing each year. That means brushing within bird nesting season is unavoidable. However to protect the birds and their nests, and to comply with the Migratory Birds Act, Yukon Energy follows best practices that are standard with other Canadian utilities. We hire specially trained brushing contractors to do a visual inspection prior to removing any vegetation. If they find active nests, they ribbon off the area and leave it untouched, coming back to it when the birds have left the nest.

In cases where we find more than a few nests within the distance between one power pole and another, we will leave that entire span and come back to it later when the birds have left.