

UPDATE on DANGER TREE REMOVALS

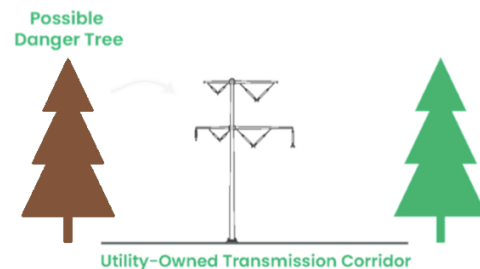
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Dear Neighbor:

Please accept this communication as a follow up to the November 22, 2022 dated letter (enclosed for reference) you should have received regarding New York Transco's (NY Transco) identification of danger tree(s) on your property for removal. This removal will occur throughout February and March 2023 as part of our Operations & Maintenance Vegetation Management Plan related to the New York Energy Solution (NYES) assets that were recently constructed and energized in an existing electric transmission corridor your area.

What is a danger tree?

A danger tree is a tree in danger of hitting a critical electric transmission asset should it fall. Danger trees typically are identified by having certain defects such as rot, splits, abnormal growth, poor root structures or soil conditions and/or are dead or dying. Danger trees pose a threat to the nearby transmission lines and the ability to deliver energy to customers.



Why do danger trees need to be removed?

Electrical outages are often caused by nature, and specifically, tree contact with wires. It is a requirement by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) that transmission operators like NY Transco safely maintain and operate transmission lines without interruption. Danger trees are required to be removed to maintain safe and continual operation of the electric lines.

How are danger trees identified?

NY Transco utilizes a Professional Forester to conduct visual assessments into neighboring properties to determine the type, health, age and height of nearby trees that have the potential of falling on the transmission lines. Those trees are designated danger trees and slated for either further investigation or removal by NY Transco or its contractors.

Does NY Transco have the rights to remove danger trees on private property?

Yes, per our real estate agreements with National Grid for this transmission corridor, NY Transco maintains the rights to remove neighboring trees outside of National Grid's land that pose a danger to the transmission lines. The goal is only to remove trees that pose a potential threat to the transmission lines in the area with as little disturbance as possible.

What is the process and timing for removing danger trees?

NY Transco or its contractors (a division of Asplundh Tree Expert) flag the danger tree(s) needed for removal. Following this, professional tree crews then come back to complete removals and haul away debris – estimated to occur throughout February-March 2023. Upon request, wood from the trees can be left for the property owner's use.

Who do I contact with questions?

Please call NY Transco's toll-free hotline at 1.800.897.0179.

Thank you in advance!



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