

CLP has received a lot of questions regarding the upcoming herbicide application in the Clover Valley and Brimson areas. Unfortunately, there seem to be some untruths and misinformation being shared on social media, and we would like to try and clear that up.

Q. Why does CLP use herbicide application in their right-of-ways (ROWs)?

A. The spraying is part of CLP's ongoing integrated vegetation management program for delivering safe and reliable electrical service. The spraying controls the tree and brush growth under the power lines. Maintaining proper clearness in the ROW is a requirement by both Federal and State. It provides unobstructed direct access for CLP linemen to restore your power safely and timely. Herbicide application is much more cost-effective than mechanical cutting, which helps keep rates down.

Q. Is the herbicide safe?

A. The herbicide is safe, biodegradable, and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency. It is also pollinator friendly! No pesticides are used.

Q. How and where is the herbicide sprayed?

A. The herbicide is selectively sprayed on problem areas by a person on the ground or ATV, targeting brush and trees. Manicured lawns and areas without brush are not sprayed. Spot spraying also helps keep our costs down.

Q. How often does CLP do Herbicide Application?

A. Herbicide application is done 1-2 years after the ROW is mechanically cut and again 2-5 years after that.

Q. Is the herbicide applied in lakes and rivers?

A. When working in a wetland, near a lake, creek, or river, applicators use aquatic-rated herbicides, and leave a buffer zone, girdle, or stem band target tree and brush species based on site-specific conditions. The type of method(s) used, if any at all, is determined by the applicators at the time of applications.