



TOWN OF NARRAGANSETT
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The Department of Public Works has scheduled Vegetation Maintenance to occur *within the Town Right of Way* on or near your property in the near future.

This includes tree/bush pruning and possible tree removal.

This notice is intended for the *property owner*. If you are not the property owner, please forward this document to the owner if possible.

Please review the information in this pamphlet. It will help you understand our approach to keeping vegetation clear of the *Town's right of way*.

There is no charge for this service. This work will occur *adjacent to the edge of the road surface within the Town right of way* and is done to maintain minimum *sight distance* clearances between the *right of way* and edge of *road surface*.

We maintain trees and other vegetation *growing into the Right-Of-Way*. We do so because *overgrown vegetation can obscure driver's clear line of sight* and damage passing vehicles. Our goal is to ensure everyone's safety.

Storm Damaged Trees

A storm **can** damage a few trees/shrubs in a small neighborhood, or it can affect many across a wide area. Regardless of the size of the area impacted, Narragansett Public Works is responsible for **ONLY** clearing storm damaged trees and/or limbs from within the Town right of way to allow reasonable access for residents and emergency responders.

Narragansett Public Works will handle the disposal, processing and cleanup of storm generated tree debris removed from the Town right of way only. We will not clean up debris that has fallen on your private property and been relocated to the Town right of way. Such debris remains the responsibility of the property owner.

REMEMBER: During or after any storm event, all downed wires should be considered energized and dangerous including telephone, fiber optic and cable TV wires as they may be in contact with energized electric wires due to facility damage beyond your property and out of your view.

Safety around trees and electric wires

Children and adults should not climb or play in trees that are near electric wires. Property owners should not prune trees that are near or touching RI Energy electric wires; Instead, call RI Energy Customer Service and report any trees that may need immediate attention. Your call will prompt a visit by a utility representative for review at the earliest opportunity. The number is: 1-855-743-1102.

Types of Wires

Wires are normally attached to utility poles by voltage categories — the higher the voltage, the higher they are on the pole. In most situations, primary electric wires (the highest voltage class of wires) are attached at the top of the Pole, followed by secondary electric wires (see illustration below). Generally, the lower-voltage wires and cables used for cable TV, telephone, aid fire alarms are lowest on the utility pole.

For safety reasons, always treat all wires as high voltage wires, energized and dangerous to touch, whether such wires are covered or bare on the pole of fallen onto the ground.

