

Roadside Herbicide Spraying



Every year the Washtenaw County Road Commission (WCRC) conducts its Roadside Vegetation Control Program to help keep the roadside reasonably clear of vegetation. One part of this program is the spraying of a mixture of herbicides, approved by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, along rural county road right-of-ways.

Where will WCRC spray?

WCRC and its licensed contractor, G & T Services, sprays the herbicide mixture along rural road right-of-ways in one-quarter of the county each year. The schedule over the next four years is as follows:

- 2019 – Webster, Dexter, Lyndon, Sylvan and Lima Townships
- 2020 – Salem, Northfield, Scio, Ann Arbor and Superior Townships
- 2021 – Sharon, Freedom, Manchester, Bridgewater and Saline Townships
- 2022 – Ypsilanti, Pittsfield, Lodi, York and Augusta Townships

Roadside spraying will occur between August 1 and mid-September each year. Only areas with encroaching vegetation will be sprayed.

WCRC **does not** spray herbicide...

1. In subdivisions
2. Adjacent to bodies of water
3. Along mowed lawns
4. Along officially designated “Natural Beauty Roads”

Can I opt out?

As a property owner, you do have a choice regarding the use of herbicides in the road right-of-way abutting your property. You can opt out by completing the following steps before **July 15, 2019**.

1. Complete an application form for a “No Treatment Zone”. Applications can be found on wcroads.org/road-side-vegetation-control/. Return completed form to WCRC no later than July 15, 2019.
2. Clear the road right-of-way abutting your property of weed growth and brush. A minimum of 14 feet off the traveled portion of the road and 14 feet above the road must be cleared of vegetation.
3. Once you have cleared this area, notify WCRC. Prior to the herbicide spraying, WCRC will mark the start and end of your property using stakes and direct its contractor to not spray the staked area.

If you have successfully completed these steps by July 15, 2019, WCRC’s contractor will not spray in the road right-of-way abutting your property. If you do not complete each step outlined above, WCRC reserves the right to spray the road right-of-way in the area abutting your property as part of this program.

Still have Questions? Contact WCRC

Phone: (734) 761-1500

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An example of overgrown roadside vegetation that **will be** sprayed with herbicide



An example of mowed roadside that **will not** be sprayed with herbicide