

Major Utility Tree Work to Take Place in Lower Weston in 2022

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In 2022 Eversource will undertake tree work on circuit 12N19 fed from its Redding Peaceable Street substation service in the north part of Weston, mainly streets off Route 57 (Georgetown Road) to Godfrey and Route 53 (Newtown Turnpike between Lords Highway and Valley Forge) and Cannondale from Georgetown to Wampum Hill and Godfrey from Georgetown Road to Valley Forge. See map accompanying this article

In 2021 Eversource tree crews removed an estimated 400 dead or declining trees of risk to utility wires and roadways on private and town property along three circuits serving the southern half of town. About 100 of those were on town roads. Town crews removed or trimmed approximately another 150 dead or declining trees and limbs that posed risks to town rights of way throughout Weston and on the school-government campus and at Keene and Bisceglie parks.

Since storm Sandy in 2012, the utility is mandated to do major system-wide preventative maintenance on vegetation every four years and interim work every two years.

The following link provides information from Eversource on its Tree Trimming program. The link connects to such topics as: 1. Why the utility trims trees, including frequently asked questions; 2. The utility and property owners' responsibilities regarding vegetation management; 3. When and how to request a tree assessment; 4. Cautions regarding planting trees and shrubs near power lines.

<https://www.eversource.com/content/ct-c/residential/outages/avoiding-an-outage/tree-trimming>

The Weston Tree Warden routinely provides lists of trees of interest to Eversource and state Department of Transportation. About 12 miles of roads in Weston are state highways (Route 53, 57 and 106). In addition, under the direction of the Tree Warden, town crews regularly work on trees along approximately 80- miles of town public roads.