



Muskegon County Road Commission

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Resident/Property Owner:

The Muskegon County Road Commission has contracted with The Daltons of Warsaw, Indiana to perform brush control treatment in the road right of way in **Laketon, Muskegon, Egelston, Fruitport, Ravenna, and Sullivan** Townships within Muskegon County. The brush control operations will be performed in the road right of way and may occur in an area of abutting property that you own. The estimated start date is the week of **August 1, 2017**.

The purpose of the County Road Commission brush control treatment program is to control the growth of specific types of weeds, brush and/or low hanging tree limbs to improve visibility and safety for the vehicular traffic and/or pedestrians that use the county roads under Road Commission's jurisdiction. The Road Commission performs brush control operations through the use of tractor mowers and hydraulic brush hogs that mechanically cut weeds, brush and trees in road right of ways. **Any property that has maintained / mowed grass will absolutely not be sprayed under any circumstances. This is for brush control only.**

The Maintenance Department has been authorized to supplement the mechanical cutting of weeds and brush with herbicide treatment as an additional method to be used to control weeds and brush. The implementation and scheduling of herbicide operations is weather sensitive and therefore, subject to existing weather conditions occurring at the time of the application operations. As a result of weather conditions and other operational factors, the exact program start and ending dates as set forth are estimates. The Road Commission is not able to project the rate of the brush control progress and therefore cannot determine the exact date the contractor will implement operations on any given road or segment of road.

You do have a choice regarding the use of herbicides. If you prefer that your property not be included for treatment, you have the option to have your property omitted from the program. To exercise this option you must complete an application form for a "No Brush Control Treatment Zone" from the Road Commission or your township office and return to the Road Commission office no later than **July 28, 2017**. As a condition of approval of this application, the property owner must agree to properly clear the road right of way abutting the subject property of undesirable weed growth and brush on an annual basis. Signs will be supplied by the Road Commission, to be placed on your property as a visual indication that you are taking responsibility for the control of brush for your own road frontage. The signs will be supplied just prior to application in your area. **Your area will be omitted from the brush control program only if the area is clear of weeds and brush at the time of inspection by the Contractor and/or Road Commission personnel.**

If you have questions regarding technical product information, contact representatives of The Daltons; the number is 1.888.267.7511. For overall program administration and operational information, you may contact the Muskegon County Road Commission at 1.231.788.2381 extension 7262.

Sincerely,

Eric Scott

Eric Scott
Maintenance Superintendent