




TREE AND WOODY VEGETATION CONTROL

Tree and Woody Vegetation Control is the Road Commission of Kalamazoo County's (RCKC) annual effort to contain roadside woody vegetation and overhanging tree branches that could obstruct motorists' vision, create drainage obstacles, or cause snow and icing problems if left unchecked.

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Removing Roadside Hazards to Preserve Roadway Safety



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PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The RCKC uses an integrated approach to control roadside woody vegetation and overhanging tree branches using:

- Hand Cutting
- Mechanical Devices
- Herbicides

Hand clearing and mowing are expensive and cannot be used safely in all areas. Specifically trained, licensed, and experienced professionals selectively apply the herbicides to vegetation that could create a driving hazard. This spot spraying along local unplatted and primary roads is done on a rotating basis in 1/3 of the county each year in late summer. The operation is not a continuous broadcast spray - only those roadside areas where existing woody vegetation and limbs that create safety hazards are sprayed.

HERBICIDE SAFETY

[The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development \(MDARD\)](#) licensed applicator chosen to perform the project for the RCKC in 2021 is FDC Enterprises. FDC Enterprises applies [Element 3A Herbicide](#), or an equivalent brand, that are registered with MDARD and the [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency \(EPA\)](#).

FDC Enterprises

Phone: 1-866-270-4833

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New Albany, Ohio 43054

IS IT OPTIONAL?

If owners would rather clear their own roadsides then property will not be sprayed. Owners must have the woody vegetation, trees, and limbs cleared prior to the start of the RCKC spraying program. Property owners may remove woody vegetation and low-hanging limbs at minimum 14 feet up and 14 feet away from the traveled portion of the right-of-way (14 feet from the edge of the road) prior to the timeframe specified by RCKC. If the roadside vegetation control efforts have not been accomplished within the permitted timeframe, an application of an herbicide may occur. Property owners are encouraged to maintain their property abutting the road right-of-way by removing roadside woody vegetation and low-hanging limbs in the timeframe specified.

TEAM EFFORT

The RCKC considers roadside maintenance a team effort and is pleased to have property owners as partners in this vital safety program. The RCKC is eager to accommodate people who prefer to handle brush control themselves. This joint effort benefits both RCKC and the property owners.

WHEN WILL IT BE IN MY AREA?

Approximately 1/3 of the county is sprayed annually. This means your area will be sprayed approximately once every three years.

Beginning August 30, 2021 FDC Enterprises will apply Element 3A Herbicide in Ross, Comstock, Charleston, Climax, and Pavillion Townships on primary and unplatted local roads only.

