

## **Tree and Woody Vegetation Control will be conducted between August 30, 2021 – September 30, 2021**

The Road Commission of Kalamazoo County (RCKC) annual summer tree and woody vegetation control program will be conducted August 30, 2021, thru September 30, 2021. The program is designed to control roadside woody vegetation and overhanging tree branches that could obstruct motorists' vision, restrict travel or create drainage obstructions. Property owners are encouraged to maintain their property abutting the road right-of-way by removing roadside woody vegetation and low hanging limbs.

The RCKC Tree and Woody Vegetation Policy, encourages property owners to clear tree and woody vegetation along the roadsides to minimize pesticide applications. Areas mechanically cleared by the property owner will not receive a pesticide application if the property owner has cleared the woody vegetation, trees and limbs. Property owners must remove woody vegetation and low hanging limbs at minimum fourteen (14) feet up and fourteen (14) feet away from the traveled portion of the right-of-way, with RCKC permit, prior to August 30, 2021. There is no fee for the permit. If the roadside vegetation control efforts have not been accomplished by the property owner prior to August 30, an application of Element 3A herbicide may occur.

FDC Enterprises will apply Element 3A (triclopyr) to the roadsides **in Ross, Comstock, Charleston, Climax and Pavilion Townships on primary and unplatted local roads only** as needed to control encroaching trees and woody vegetation within the designated areas listed above. FDC Enterprises, PO Box 189, New Albany, Ohio 43054 (1-866-270-4833) is a licensed pesticide applicator certified through the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD).

The tree and woody vegetation control program is not a continuous broadcast or application of Element 3A. FDC Enterprises will spot treat selective areas with truck mounted, broadcast equipment targeted only to those roadside areas where existing woody vegetation and tree limbs are creating safety or drainage hazards. Applications will be made by certified applicators along the roadsides excluding platted areas.

Element 3A is a specialty herbicide for the control of woody plants and broadleaf weeds. Element 3A is registered with the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development ([MDARD](#)) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ([EPA](#)). A copy of the Safety Data Sheet and the RCKC Tree and Woody Vegetation brochure are available at the RCKC's office, your township office or on the RCKC website at [www.kalamazooountyroads.com](http://www.kalamazooountyroads.com). The Element 3A product label restricts re-entry as stated, "Do not allow entry into areas until sprays have dried".

For more information on the application of Element 3A pesticide please contact FDC Enterprises, PO Box 189, New Albany, Ohio 43054 (1-866-270-4833). For information regarding the RCKC Tree and Woody Vegetation Control program, please call Jim Page, Road Maintenance Superintendent at RCKC 269-381-3170, extension 247.