



Request for No Herbicide Use

Dear Valued Co-op Member,

Vernon Electric Cooperative (“the Cooperative”) wants our organic farms to be successful. The Cooperative also respects anyone’s desire to not have herbicides applied on their property. However, the herbicides the Cooperative’s contractors use are a safe and cost-effective means of maintaining over 2,000 miles of overhead line right-of-way to provide all our Co-op members with reliable power at a fair and reasonable price.

The Cooperative recognizes that some landowners have property that is certified organic which has limits and boundaries that need to be maintained when using herbicides for brush control in the overhead line right-of-way. The Cooperative will do its best to accommodate these limits and boundaries, at the request of landowners, and allow the option of alternative right-of-way maintenance, subject to the following terms:

1. The landowner must complete a ‘No Herbicide Use’ request form and submit it to the Cooperative. Please note failure to properly complete the form or any modification will nullify the request.
2. The landowner must post and maintain signs identifying the No Herbicide Zone along the right-of-way at each end of the parcel with the blank side of the sign facing the No Herbicide Zone. Signs can be hand-made or professionally made, but must clearly convey their message (i.e., “No Spray Zone”, “No Herbicide Zone”, etc.). Signs can easily be found and purchased from the Internet by doing a search on “No Spray Signs”. Professional right-of-way maintenance contractors will begin working in your area sometime after the due date stated in a mailed postcard sent to members.
3. The Cooperative will assess the need for mid-cycle clearing and/or additional regular cycle, mechanical mowing or hand cutting required based on this alternative maintenance request.
4. If the designated right-of-way has not been maintained sufficiently by the landowner, additional costs associated with performing the alternative maintenance services will be calculated and billed to the landowner making the request. (Current total maximum labor and mechanical clearing costs are estimated at \$450/hour) [time to clear ¼ mile]
5. The Cooperative will, to the best of its ability, avoid applying herbicides to any land that has a current ‘No Herbicide Use’ request in place provided that all the above terms are met to the satisfaction of the Cooperative. However, the Cooperative cannot guarantee that any herbicides will be applied to any lands.
6. Even though the Cooperative will do its best to work with landowners, the Cooperative, as a last resort, reserves the right to cancel any agreements and implement any control deemed necessary at any time. Please email, fax, or mail the completed form to:

Email: info@vernonelectric.org | FAX: 608-634-7480 | Mail: Vernon Electric Cooperative
110 Saugstad Rd
Westby, WI 54667

Vernon Electric Cooperative

Request for 'No Herbicide Use' Form

(Please Complete One Form Per Landowner)

Landowner _____ Phone (required) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____

Property Location:

County _____ Township _____ Section _____

Select herbicide application choice and reason for each tax parcel number below:

List Tax Parcel Numbers:	No Herbicide Use	Limited Herbicide Use	Organic	Other
_____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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If herbicide can be used and this 'No Herbicide Use' request is for a specific area of the parcel, provide a detailed map identifying the location and buffer requirements.

I have read and agree to the 'No Herbicide Use' Terms and Conditions. I agree to pay the additional costs associated with mid-cycle clearing and for the additional work required during the normal clearing cycle upon receipt of invoice for alternative maintenance services on right-of-way along this property. I further understand that if I do not pay the amounts due, this agreement becomes null and void and that said right-of-way will be returned to the Herbicide Control Program.

Signature: _____
Landowner signature REQUIRED.

Date: _____
4 year agreement

This agreement will be in effect for four (4) years from the signature date unless terminated in writing by either party.