

Re: Notification Required under 220 ILCS 5/8-505.1

To Whom It May Concern:

Certified Arborists in your area have identified dead or declining ash trees on or near ComEd power lines, which have been infested by the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle. EAB is an invasive pest that impacts ash trees only. The infestation is aggressive and eventually kills the ash tree. Dead or dying ash trees near our power lines may cause outages or create a safety hazard. Therefore, for a limited time, ComEd is identifying such ash trees and performing vegetation management activities.

In accordance with applicable statutory requirements, ComEd is required to provide each affected municipality a map or common addresses of the area affected by the vegetation management activities.

Please be aware that ComEd has notified any affected customers and property owners with (i) a statement of the vegetation management activities planned, (ii) the address of a website and a toll free telephone number at which a written disclosure of all dispute resolution opportunities and processes, rights, and remedies provided by the electric public utility may be obtained, (iii) a statement that the customer and the property owner may appeal the planned vegetation management activities through the electric public utility and the Illinois Commerce Commission, (iv) a toll-free telephone number through which communication may be had with a representative of the electric public utility regarding the vegetation management activities, and (v) the telephone number of the Consumer Affairs Officer of the Illinois Commerce Commission. The notice also stated that circuit maps or common addresses of the area to be affected by the vegetation management activities are on file with the local municipal or county office.

We recognize that our vegetation management activities sometimes create concern by your residents because trees near our electrical wires are significantly trimmed or sometimes require removal. Qualified line-clearance workers contracted by ComEd will be performing the tree pruning work. Supervisors and General Foremen will be in close contact with the crews, ensuring that the work is performed properly. Additionally, we are strong advocates of proactive efforts to ensure that only appropriate vegetation is planted near our facilities, and our easement and leases usually specify vegetation restrictions. Trees that grow greater than 20 feet, for example maple, elm, and blue spruce, should never be planted under or near distribution power lines. At full height, these trees could contact lines and cause a power outage or create a safety issue. On the other hand, trees and bushes that grow to heights less than 20 feet, for example dogwoods or crabapples, can often be planted near distribution power lines.

For more information about vegetation maintenance along power lines and ComEd's "Right Tree, Right Place" program, please visit: <http://www.ComEd.com/Trees>

Please direct any resident with questions or concerns to contact us at 1 (800) Edison-1. See the attached locations with upcoming vegetation activities:

Sincerely,

Shanee Levesque
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Vegetation Management Department