

December 2025

ADVISORY – Vegetation Management – RM of Swan Valley West

Please be advised that beginning December 3 2025, until approximately April 2026, Manitoba Hydro will have contractors working in the RM Swan Valley West conducting vegetation management on trees/brush growing into Manitoba Hydro right of ways, and which may pose a risk to power lines and public safety.

The work is needed to provide adequate clearance to overhead power lines in the area - reducing the opportunity for tree related power outages, electrical shock potential to the public as well as to MB Hydro staff themselves when required to work on the lines, mitigate potential damage to both Manitoba Hydro and customer equipment, and to reduce the risk of a potential fire caused by line contact. This work will also provide easier access for Manitoba Hydro crews doing maintenance and responding to emergencies. Crews will be doing work both manually and with the use of equipment including bucket trucks and mulching equipment on tracks. Caution should be used when passing workers and equipment.

Although much of the work takes place on public property, some of the vegetation originates on customer property and grows toward overhead power lines. When conducting work, crews will be trimming/removing and mulching what is necessary to eliminate hazards and may have to enter onto private property to do so. Manitoba Hydro reserves the right, to enter upon any land to trim or remove branches and/or whole trees, that, in the opinion of the corporation, endanger the public, any works of the corporation or constitute a hazard. In these instances, we will make a reasonable attempt to contact property owners beforehand.

Manitoba Hydro would like to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining privately-owned trees to prevent them from encroaching on overhead power lines. When privately owned trees encroach on overhead power lines, please consult a qualified Arborist or Utility Tree Trimmer to discuss how they can safely remove the hazard(s). It may be necessary to schedule a temporary service disconnect with the local District office in order to conduct this work safely.

For more information please visit: <https://www.hydro.mb.ca/corporate/operations/vegetation-management/>

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