May 10, 2018

National Grid will be beginning a tree-pruning project in the vast majority of the Town of Newbury. The purpose of this tree pruning and or removal is to help to minimize power outages throughout the town. National Grid’s contractor, Asplundh will have a forester who will be visiting various neighborhoods to determine the need to remove or prune trees that may affect the primary electrical transmission lines. If there are trees on your property that may need to be pruned or removed, you will be contacted by a representative from Asplundh. If you are not at home, they will leave a hangtag on your door. It is important that you contact the representative at the phone number listed on the tag as soon as possible. By state law, they need to have permission to prune or remove trees on your property.

The work will involve the pruning or removal of trees along the town streets. Trees from 1 to 8 inches in diameter may be removed if they will grow to interfere with the power lines. Some trees will also be pruned to remove branches that may be soon touching the power lines, or be a danger to the power lines if the branches were to break in a storm.

This project will cover most of the main roads and many of the side streets in Newbury and Byfield. Please take a look at the maps to see if this will be affecting your neighborhood.

If you have questions about this project, please contact the National Grid forester Catherine Blackbird @ 978-846-8465 or Town Hall at 978-465-0862 x301.

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