



## **SARATOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

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Dear Current Resident:

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The Saratoga County Vegetation Management Program for 2018 will be soon underway. The program is being performed under a joint venture by Saratoga County Public Works and the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT). Vegetation along highways is controlled to ensure the safety of the highway system by keeping sight lines open, keeping guiderails and signs visible, preventing growth within the recovery zone for vehicles leaving the roadway, and controlling invasive plant species. In areas where conventional mowing cannot be accomplished around items such as guiderail, sign posts, and marker posts, herbicides are applied to control vegetation. Herbicide applications such as this have long been part of the NYSDOT integrated vegetation management program for the prevention and control of vegetation that can obstruct the highway.

Saratoga County is required to provide people with dwellings on property along certain County rights-of-way with prior notification of our intent to apply herbicides, as well as providing information from the label of the herbicide(s) we plan to apply. Herbicide application will be made this summer along guiderail sections on the Saratoga County Highway system right-of-way adjacent to properties throughout Saratoga County. You have been identified as the current resident of one of these affected properties.

During this year's vegetation management program we will be using some or all of the following herbicides in Saratoga County: Accord XRT II, Esplanade 200 SC, Garlon 4 Ultra. Label information for these herbicides help explain what the material is and what vegetation it is formulated to control, along with warnings regarding improper handling of the material. Specific label information for the herbicides mentioned is available at: [NYSDOT Website](#) or [Saratoga County Website](#)).

NYSDOT employees who will be applying the herbicides are trained to a high standard of knowledge and are Certified by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). This certification is only granted to workers that pass a rigorous test given by DEC after extensive training. Further, DOT staff receives training above and beyond the training required by DEC to increase the assurances that they apply herbicides in a safe and environmentally sustainable manner.

If you have any questions regarding our vegetation management program, you may contact William Benosky, Senior Engineer at (518) 885-2235. Also contact us if you routinely mow areas associated with guiderail installations and do not wish us to spray those areas. Thank you for your cooperation with our continuing efforts to ensure a safe and efficiently maintained County Highway system.

Sincerely yours,

Keith R. Manz, P.E.  
Commissioner

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