

Post construction reclamation

Returning your land to its original condition after construction is important to us. Our goal is to complete all reclamation work within a timely manner once a project is completed.

AltaLink requires contractors to perform cleanup and reclamation activities throughout project construction, but it is quite common – because of construction requirements and seasonal constraints – for the majority of reclamation within the right-of-way to occur after construction is complete.

Requirements for reclamation are set out in the project's *Environmental Specification and Requirements* document, where contractors develop a plan outlining areas requiring reclamation, and how it will be completed.

AltaLink also follows reclamation requirements set out by Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development when working on Crown land.

Evaluation of reclamation efforts

Once the reclamation phase begins we will review any commitments we made to you in conjunction with the contractor's reclamation plans to understand specific requirements. AltaLink will inspect and evaluate progress to determine if reclamation goals are being achieved. Our evaluation is based on meeting site specific ecological criteria, primarily the reestablishment of native vegetation species similar to what existed prior to construction.

OTHER EXAMPLES OF RECLAMATION CRITERIA WOULD INCLUDE:

- ensuring surface water flow patterns are maintained
- repair of any rutted or compacted trails
- installation of any required erosion prevention measures
- natural recovery of vegetation similar to pre-construction conditions
- ensuring there are no infestations of prohibited noxious weeds

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION RECLAMATION ACTIONS FREQUENTLY INCLUDE:

- removal of construction debris
- slope stabilization
- topsoil replacement and contouring
- decompaction of access trails
- re-seeding and/or tree planting

Evaluation criteria may also include post construction reclamation commitments made by AltaLink for specific landowner parcels along the right-of-way.

EXAMPLES OF LANDOWNER REQUESTS CAN INCLUDE:

- bucking and piling of timber for firewood use
- mulching of timber and brush
- specific fencing requirements
- re-seeding to a specific seed mix

Final inspection

A final inspection of the right-of-way will typically take place one year after construction is completed. Vegetation growth within the right-of-way similar to the surrounding area generally indicates a positive natural recovery is underway and reclamation objectives will be met. If site inspections indicate reclamation goals have not been met, AltaLink will notify the project team and contractors of the outstanding issues and work to address them as quickly as possible.

Should you have any concerns or questions related to our construction activities, please contact us.

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