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**Transmission line maintenance:  
Northwest Edmonton Vegetation Management Program  
Notice to Area Residents**

AltaLink would like to inform you about transmission line maintenance activities happening in your area.

In November 2020, AltaLink mailed a letter to the name and address listed on title for this residence, and we are following on the letter that we previously provided.

To ensure the safe and reliable operation of our transmission lines, AltaLink will be continuing our vegetation management in this area which began in 2018. The upcoming planned work will take place on the right-of-way owned by AltaLink between Carter Crest Way NW and Rabbit Hill Rd NW. A photo of the area we plan to complete the work in is on the following page. During these maintenance activities, we will remove trees that have the potential to come into conflict/contact with the transmission line. This work is to ensure the reliable operation and safety of the electric system and the community.

**Background:**

AltaLink is the Transmission Facility Operator (TFO) of transmission lines referred to as 908L/909L, 1055L and 1139L. Certain sections of these transmission lines, more notably between Terwillegar Drive NW and 119 Street NW hold a heavy undergrowth of trees. Historically, AltaLink has managed these trees by trimming or topping them in order to ensure safe clearance distances between the treetops and the transmission line conductors. As these existing trees have continued to grow, they have become more dense and complicated to safely trim. Furthermore, regulations that set out safe clearance distances between trees and conductors have become more restrictive and require larger clearance distances than in the past.

To ensure public safety in the event of a tree making contact with the transmission line, and to protect the reliability of the electricity system for our customers, AltaLink will be removing non-compatible trees within our right-of-way.

Non-compatible trees typically include poplars, spruce, pine trees, or any variety of tree that is likely to grow into the conductors and cause a contact with the transmission line within the right-of-way. Where possible, AltaLink will leave compatible trees, including willow trees and wild rose bushes, in place as they will not interfere with the operation of the transmission line.

You can find more information about AltaLink's approach to vegetation management on our website located here: <http://www.altalink.ca/environment/vegetation-management.cfm>

A list of compatible and non-compatible trees can be found here: [http://www.altalink.mdpdev.ca/files/pdf/Vegetation\\_management/Compatible\\_and\\_non-compatible\\_vegetation.pdf](http://www.altalink.mdpdev.ca/files/pdf/Vegetation_management/Compatible_and_non-compatible_vegetation.pdf)

**What's next?**

AltaLink is attempting to contact homeowners adjacent adjacent to AltaLink's right-of-way to further

explain the proposed work, and to understand what to expect. We hope to begin work in early 2021. Details regarding the planned work are below:

Non-compatible tree removal will take place in the area highlighted in green.



### What you will see?

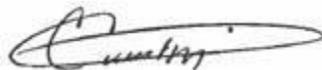
In advance of any tree trimming or removal activities, AltaLink will post signs along the right-of-way to notify community members of the upcoming activities.

AltaLink's primary contractor for this work will be Quad L. You will see technicians with chainsaws, chip trucks and bucket trucks managing vegetation. All trees will be either chipped or removed from the right-of-way.

### Contact us:

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these maintenance activities, please contact the undersigned at 403-877-1372 or [chad.huseby@altalink.ca](mailto:chad.huseby@altalink.ca). Should you have more technical related questions, you can also call Darrell Gaudet, AltaLink's Vegetation Management Specialist at 403-466-8142 or [darrell.gaudet@altalink.ca](mailto:darrell.gaudet@altalink.ca).

Sincerely,  
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