Here Are Some Streets Where Eversource is Trimming, Cutting Down Trees in Darien in May and June

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Eversource is trimming and removing trees along 60 miles of streets in Darien this month and in June as part of its ongoing work to reduce power outages during storms, and the utility has released a list of some streets where the tree work will take place.

"In Darien, we're doing tree work along some 60 miles of town roads this year, with crews from Lewis Tree Service doing the bulk of the work now through June," a utility spokesman said. "Along with trimming, 111 hazardous trees are scheduled to be removed."

Schedule

Some of the work began earlier this month in the area of Tokeneke Road, Old Farm and Searles roads, Cliff Avenue and Raymond Street, a utility spokesman said.

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Here's the rest of the schedule (all of the work is weather permitting, and schedules could change):

Late May:

Area includes Boston Post Road, Hollow Tree Ridge Road, Rings End Road, Noroton Avenue and Nearwater Lane

Early June:

Boston Post Road, Old Kings Highway and Locust Hill Road

Eversource's Tree Cutting Program

Here's Eversource's description of why the tree work is taking place and information on the utility's tree program:

"As you know, <u>Tropical Storm Isaias</u> caused massive damage to the state, with thousands of trees being damaged or destroyed. Trees are the number one cause of power outages — especially during storms, and Connecticut is one of the most heavily wooded states in the country.

"That's why we have a team of licensed arborists whose primary job is to identify trees along town roads that could come down on overhead electric lines and disrupt power to homes or businesses in the area.

"The arborists work directly with community leaders and tree wardens, including in Darien, to address these trees with trimming or removal, if necessary.

"We have a year-round, comprehensive tree trimming and hazardous tree removal program that is critical to ensure reliable service for customers and help reduce the number of tree-related power outages."

Trees on Your Property

The utility has this message for property owners about their trees that could down electric lines:

"We also remind property owners that they are responsible for the trees on their properties, including keeping branches away from the electric line that runs from their homes to the main utility lines on the street.

"We always recommend that work be done by a professional tree service.

"We also have a list of 30 recommended trees that grow to under 30 feet in height and won't interfere with the overhead electric lines, and our website, Eversource.com, has lots of information about our comprehensive vegetation management program."