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COOPERATIVE ONNECTION

Guest Column

Herbicide Application is an Important Part of Vegetation Management



TAWNYA ZORN

AS A PART OF A regularly scheduled maintenance program, Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative (REC) clears vegetation from its rights of way approximately every seven years. We use tree trimming, tree removal, and mowing to clear non-compatible vegetation in and around utility resources. As a follow up to this maintenance, the cooperative selectively applies herbicides approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to target trees and shrubs that, if left to grow unchecked, could cause power outages.

Herbicide is applied to specific areas in our easement by trained, certified applicators. Plants absorb the herbicide through the leaf surface. The herbicide inhibits the growth of treated trees by disrupting their ability to process essential nutrients and water.

Herbicide applications help eliminate dense brush, which improves access to the cooperative's facilities and reduces the time required to restore service following an outage. Also, decreasing the number of small trees in our rights of way allows grass, ferns, wildflowers and low-growing shrubs to thrive, providing an excellent habitat for wildlife.

Somerset REC is licensed by the state to apply herbicides, and the cooperative has several employees who are certified by the state Department of Agriculture as applicators. Our right-of-way contractors also have employees who hold applicator certifications. To be eligible for certification, a person must pass two written examinations (core and category) and be employed by a pesticide-application business.

To maintain certification, applicators must attend training in core requirements and appropriate, category-specific topics. Applicators must earn six core credits and up to 10 category credits for each area in which the applicator is certified. Recertification credits are accumulated based on attendance at approved meetings and other training.

Every February for more than 30 years, Somerset REC has hosted an in-person Herbicide Applicator Update and Training program, featuring presentations by Penn State and industry specialists. Staff learns about personal protective gear, equipment maintenance, application techniques, industry updates and current regulations. The program is designed to provide credits for applicators and is approved by the Department of Agriculture.

Although the Herbicide Applicator Update and Training program is primarily for Somerset REC applicators, the cooperative opens it up to others who need credits. For more information, call 814-445-4106 or email tzorn@somersetrec.com. •

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OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

Is Your Name on This List? If So, You May be Entitled to Unclaimed Capital Credits

somerset rural electric cooperative (rec) is publishing a list of members who are entitled to unclaimed capital credits. If you see your name or have information on how to locate someone on the list, please call 814-445-4106 or toll-free 800-443-4255 and speak with a member services representative. You can also email service@ somersetrec.com.

Capital credits represent each consumer-member's investment in their cooperative. Instead of profits sent to stockholders in far-away places, the cooperative business model means those dollars stay in the communities served by Somerset REC. Some capital checks were

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recently returned by the post office as undeliverable. These checks were part of the retirement mailing in December 2024 for capital credits earned in 2000.

With your help, we can locate those listed and re-issue their check. The names listed are not current cooperative members, and some may be deceased. If a member is deceased, the heir may contact the cooperative to provide the additional information needed to process the check. Since these members no longer receive a copy of *Penn Lines*, we hope you are still in contact with your past neighbor, family member or friend to let them know we owe them money.

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