

VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

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Notice of Brush Spray Programs

The County Road Commission Wants You to Know . . .

The Daltons, North Webster, IN, a licensed commercial applicator, has been contracted by the Van Buren County Road Commission to perform custom herbicide vegetation control services along the road right-of-way on various roadways throughout Van Buren County. The control of brush along the roadsides is critical to maintain safe roadside vision. Additional information regarding the herbicides being applied may be requested by contacting Brad Bolinger at The Daltons, (574) 267-7511.

In addition, the Van Buren County Road Commission has contracted with the Van Buren County Conservation District to provide an herbicide treatment to control invasive species, such as phragmites and Japanese knotweed, along the road right-of-ways. Controlling invasive species along roadsides helps to stop the spread caused by road maintenance operations. Additional information regarding the invasive species herbicide treatment being applied may be requested by contacting Abbie Bristol, SWxSW Corner CISMA Strike Team Coordinator, at (269) 633-9058.

Locations to be sprayed include identified invasive species areas, as well as brush control at intersections and other selected areas within the county road right-of-ways, EXCLUDING platted or urban areas, orchards and grape vineyards and certified organic farms that have been registered on the Michigan Specialty Crop Site Registry (DriftWatch). These applications will begin the week of August 15th and will continue until the first hard frost of the season.

Property owners may request to be omitted from the brush spray program by completing an application form and agreeing to accept the responsibility for maintaining the roadside area by the cutting of all roadside weeds, brush and low hanging limbs a minimum distance of 15 feet off the traveled portion of the road and 15 feet above the road surface. If you wish to request an Application Form, please visit the Road Commission's website at <https://www.vbcrc.org/vegetationmaintenance> or by calling (269) 674-8011.

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