

Reliable Right-Of-Ways

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A HEALTH CHECK UP FOR YOUR ROW MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The doctor is in! Read the following questions, rate your maintenance program according to the tally selection, and total your points for the final prognosis.

Tally Selection: 1=yes, usually 2=sometimes 3=no, rarely

- Do you know your cost for trimming a medium sized tree (45 ft & 15" diameter)?
- Do you know the number of trees removed on your system?
- Do you know the number of trees trimmed on your system?
- Do you find that you consistently have tree problems in the same place?
- Do you currently have an herbicide program for your Right-of-Way?
- Do you have a formal Right-of-Way maintenance program in position?
- Do you have long-term plans for your maintenance program?
- Has the number of hot spotting tree work decreased in comparison to last year?
- Are you able to verify that 90% of your tree work is completed by the contractor?
- Do you know the difference between Unit Work and Time & Material?
- Do you know the advantages/disadvantages Unit Work versus Time & Material?
- Do you have several (2-3) options to choose from in dealing with sensitive areas?
- Are you aware of the most up-to-date industry tools available to ROW programs?
- Is your trimming cycle realistic?
- Do you have a formal contract for all of your R/W/M tree work?
- Is your ROW Maintenance budget decreasing in comparison to last year?
- Do you anticipate that your overall trimming will decrease?
- Do you realize that line maintenance may be your only direct contact with customers?

Tally your points and compare the total to the chart below for the results of your program:

21 or below.....Your program gets a clean bill of health
22 to 30.....It is healthy but has some areas to work on
31 or above.....Dial 911 for program emergency response
or dial #1-877-902-7467 to contact our "program doctor."

Please contact us for help within your maintenance system, management planning needs, and/or integration of herbicide/TGR/auditing programs. Other areas we can help are budget modifications, training for effective trimming, line clearance contract negotiations, specification design, and adherence.

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