



BIOSECURITY AND TRANSMISSION LINES

Manitoba Hydro is committed to managing potential biosecurity risks associated with invasive species and crop disease. We understand the importance of crop protection and take care in our work to protect the health and sustainability of Manitoba's agricultural sector.

Our biosecurity procedure is a set of measures designed to prevent or reduce the introduction of invasive species or pathogens onto a property. These procedures help us work with landowners before, during and after construction of our transmission lines to protect property from potential biosecurity risks.

These procedures are based on industry best practices and were developed following consultations with Manitoba Agriculture and key agricultural stakeholder groups.

Before construction

With input from stakeholder groups, industry experts and provincial government agriculture staff, Manitoba Hydro has developed a biosecurity procedure that all employees are required to follow. Our contractors are required to either use our procedure, or have their procedure approved by Manitoba Hydro.

All Manitoba Hydro employees and contractors are trained in biosecurity before they begin their work and construction equipment will arrive on site clean and free of weeds, soil, and debris.

Manitoba Hydro takes a risk-based approach to biosecurity. We assess the potential biosecurity risks, considering a number of factors such as soil conditions and time of year, and prescribe specific actions to manage the risks.



During construction

A procedure to control biosecurity risk is already in place, and employees and contractors have been trained. Biosecurity concerns are reviewed as a key part of jobsite orientations, and our supervisors and environmental inspectors will be working to ensure that the procedure is followed. In addition, as part of the protocol in areas of heightened sensitivities (e.g., the presence of clubroot) vehicle traffic along the right-of-way will be minimized to help reduce the risk.

After construction

Manitoba Hydro employees will continue to work with landowners to manage biosecurity concerns related to transmission lines after construction is completed. When our employees enter private property, they will work with landowners to identify potential risks and will manage those risks as needed.

Frequently-asked questions:

How do you know if biosecurity measures are necessary at a construction site?

Manitoba Hydro uses our biosecurity procedures any time we are working on agricultural land. In addition, we work with landowners to identify and manage specific biosecurity concerns that they might have.

How do you prevent the spread of disease within a site?

Employees and contractors are trained in the biosecurity procedure, and compliance to this procedure is enforced by our supervisors and inspectors. In cases where there are heightened concerns such as the confirmed presence of clubroot, we will take additional steps, depending on the level of risk.

What happens if I have concerns about Manitoba Hydro's biosecurity protection?

We take the protection of agricultural land very seriously and all employees and contractors are required to follow the biosecurity procedure. However, if you have concerns about how Manitoba Hydro employees or contractors have managed biosecurity risk, please contact us. You can either call us directly (**1-888-624-9376**) or send an email to agriculturalbiosecurity@hydro.mb.ca. Please tell us the details (date, time, and location) and we will follow up.

Si vous aimeriez recevoir ces renseignements en français, veuillez communiquer avec nous.