

Who can I speak to if I have more questions?

Give us a call at 516-6450.



City of Dover

Curbside Weed Control
&
Roadside Vegetation
Management

Frequently Asked Questions





Why do we need to control weeds?

The City of Dover spends thousands of dollars each year building and maintaining streets, sidewalks and drainage systems. When left unchecked, weeds and other plants can do significant damage to this infrastructure. Responsible weed control protects and extends the life of our important investments. Weed control along roads and curbs also maintains the aesthetic appeal of a community.

The goal is to promote safety and still achieve quality results. Typical areas where vegetation management techniques and weed control may be employed include: sidewalks, curb / gutter lines and catch basin perimeters. Other areas that may be included periodically are: rights-of-way, roadside shoulders, guardrails and around signage. Only herbicides that are approved by the Department of Environmental

Services are used and any product is applied in targeted areas using minimal amounts.

What do we do?

We treat along the curb lines where pavement meets curbing and curbing meets sidewalks, specifically targeting the growing weeds. Spraying is a part of our vegetation maintenance, which also incorporates mowing and string trimming.

Where do you spray?

We employ a minimalist approach to our spraying. Spraying occurs along main streets in the downtown area, where there is curbing or gutter lines, including tops of sidewalks where needed, perimeter of catch basin rings that reside in the gutter line, and other city owned property showing signs of weed growth.

When does this happen?

Our program begins in May and is completed in September. The four applications are conducted when there is no anticipated rainfall and winds do not exceed 10 mph.

When will you be in my neighborhood?

Since treatment is weather dependent, it is hard to publish an exact schedule of the day spraying will occur in an area.

What products are used for weed control?

Our contractors use products that are approved by the Department of Environmental Services and apply the product at rates that are the minimum that can be used and still achieve the quality results needed to be cost effective.

Can just anyone spray?

No, our curb line weed control contractors are licensed through the State and must apply for permits to apply products through the NH Department of Environmental Services.

What if I don't want any spraying by my house?

Sidewalks are included in the City's Right of Way and the responsibility for maintenance and repair lies with the City. Ultimately it is the City that faces liability for sidewalk defects, not the abutting property owners.

Understanding that some may disagree with how various activities are managed, we ask you to recognize that the City serves many through conscientious decision making and employing effectual methods.

