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## NOTICE OF 2023 BRUSH MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTIONS ON COUNTY DRAINS

### FRIENDLY REMINDER (2<sup>ND</sup> NOTICE)

May 12, 2023

The Hillsdale County Drain Commission Maintenance Staff will be making low-volume ground applications of EPA registered herbicides to reduce the growth of brush and trees along our County Drains rights-of-way. These applications will begin in June and continue through September.

Furthermore, the Hillsdale County Drain Commission may perform inspections. These inspections would be performed by Drain Maintenance Staff and the use of a utility vehicle may be needed. The purpose for the inspections is to ensure the drain rights-of-way are clear of obstructions. We are mostly looking for down trees that would obstruct our equipment from accessing the drain right-of-way.

The following are the herbicides that may be used, and their active ingredient: Garlon 3A (triclopyr 44.4%), Escort XP (Metsulfuron methyl 60%), Polaris (Isopropylamine salt of Imazapyr 27.7%), AquaNeat (Glyphosate, N-(phosphonomethyl) glycine, in the form of its isopropylamine salt 53.8%), Method 240SL (Potassium salt of aminocyclopyrachlor 25%), Spike 20P (tebuthiuron 20%), and Pathfinder II (triclopyr 13.6%).

The use of herbicides for brush control is very critical to the maintenance of our drain rights-of-way. This method of maintenance is very cost effective and has little impact to personal property. This work is necessary to provide dependable drainage services to you and the County of Hillsdale. The primary herbicide we use is Garlon 3A. This herbicide WILL NOT harm the grass. Garlon 3A herbicide provides superior woody plant and broadleaf weed control while maintaining the integrity of our County Drain rights-of-way.

All herbicide applicators from this office have received training and are certified through the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA). Reasonable steps will be taken to minimize the damage to crops, ornamental vegetation and personal property along our right-of-way.

If you have special considerations for work performed in your drain easement, please contact our office. If the property is being leased/rented for agricultural commodities, please forward this notice to your farmer so that arrangements can be made to minimize crop damage within our drain easements.

In order for the work to be completed in a timely manner, if you have obstructions within the right-of-way of the County Drain, we are asking for you to remove them. If you pasture ground, please make sure there are no fences crossing our right-of-way.

Please note, we are required to notify every property owner on all the drains being sprayed this season, but we may not be spraying the full length of each drain. If you would like to know if the drain on your parcel will be sprayed, or you have any other questions, please call the office at the number above.

Due to staffing issues we may not be able to perform brush maintenance on every County Drain. If you want to ensure that brush maintenance is performed on the County Drain on your property please call our office.

**BRUSH MAINTENANCE AND INSPECTIONS MAY BE PERFORMED IN THE FOLLOWING TOWNSHIPS: AMBOY, RANSOM AND WRIGHT.**

OFFICE HOURS MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 8:30-12:00 AND 1:00 TO 5:00