



HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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Sauk County, Wisconsin... HERBICIDE SPRAYING

The Sauk County Highway Department has acknowledged a need to initiate a higher level of maintenance regarding rural roadside vegetation management, primarily the eradication of noxious invasive plant species.

Invasive species within the road right-of-way and adjacent properties can pose significant health risks to highway workers, utility workers, emergency responders, and anyone else utilizing the right-of-way. In the coming weeks, you may notice our crews spraying these areas to help control and eradicate Wild Parsnip and other harmful invasive weed species. Our staff has been trained and certified in applying EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) certified herbicides.

These herbicides are plant specific and will not hurt native plants, birds, bees, butterflies or other animals/insects which inhabit the ROW. This means grasses, milkweed, and other native plants will flourish, helping our wildlife and pollinators. Our intention is to spray the selected ROW areas to a distance of 17 ft from the shoulder of the road.

Although we anticipate starting application of the herbicide in late April, our window of opportunity will be dictated by weather.

The following herbicide formula will be used:

<u>Herbicide</u>	<u>EPA Reg #</u>	<u>Active Ingredient</u>	<u>Application Rate</u>
HighNoon	62719-755	Aminopyralid and Rinskor	16 oz/acre
Panoramic	66222-141-81927	Ammonium Salt of Imazapic	4 oz/acre
Escort XP	432-1552	Metsulfuron (Drift Control)	1 oz/acre
MSO	N/A	Methylated Vegetable Oil (Surfactant)	8 oz/acre

Organic growers are encouraged to contact the Sauk County Highway Department with concerns and questions regarding this program. If you have any questions, please contact our office at (608) 355-4855 Monday-Thursday.