

# VAN BUREN COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

## NEWS RELEASE

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| Lawrence, Michigan |               | 2026-09  |                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| DATE:              | July 16, 2026 | CONTACT: | Bret Witkowski, Managing Director<br>Van Buren County Road Commission<br>325 W. James Street, Post Office Box 156<br>Lawrence, Michigan 49064<br>PHONE: (269) 674-8011, Extension 222 |
| RELEASE:           | Immediately   |          |                                                                                                                                                                                       |

### **BRUSH MANAGEMENT IN THE ROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY**

The Van Buren County Road Commission would like to inform residents that herbicide vegetation control services will be conducted along various county road rights-of-way to manage brush.

The Daltons, a licensed commercial applicator based in North Webster, Indiana, has been contracted to perform custom herbicide applications. Maintaining clear roadsides is essential for ensuring safe visibility for drivers. For more information about the herbicides being used, please contact Brad Bolinger at The Daltons: (574) 267-7511.

Spraying will occur along the road right-of-way, as well as at intersections for brush control. Excluded areas include:

- Platted or urban areas (i.e., NOT in subdivisions)
- Orchards and grape vineyards
- Certified organic farms registered on the Michigan Specialty Crop Site Registry (DriftWatch)

Applications are scheduled to begin around August 3<sup>rd</sup> and will continue into September.

Property owners who wish to opt out of the brush spray program may do so by submitting an application and agreeing to maintain the roadside area themselves. This includes cutting all weeds, brush, and low-hanging limbs within 15 feet of the road surface and 15 feet above it. To request an opt-out application form, visit [www.vbcrc.org/vegetationmaintenance](http://www.vbcrc.org/vegetationmaintenance) or call the Road Commission at (269) 674-8011.

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