

Duke Energy Notification of Work Schedule in Beaufort

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Feb. 18, 2020: Notification of Upcoming Work Schedule

Duke Energy has two line clearance projects within the Town of Beaufort:

Broad Street – March 16-26, 2020

Lennoxville Road – March 20-April 13, 2020

Duke Energy plans to conduct right of way work around their distribution electrical lines along the Broad Street feeder beginning March 16 through March 26. This circuit is located in the downtown area. This 4 mile circuit was last trimmed in 2014 and impacts about 1,140 customers. The circuit primarily serves the historic downtown, residential areas and waterfront area of Beaufort; from Cedar Street to Front Street and from Fulford Street west to the water at Gallants Lane. This work should not require any outages, but serves as a notification of the work being done. The work should take about a two weeks to complete.

The Lennoxville Road feeder is 8 miles long and impacts about 1,400 customers and was last trimmed in 2014. The scheduled start date is March 20 with work continuing through April 13, 2020. The circuit serves the eastern parts of Beaufort; Fulford Street east to Lennoxville Point and Front Street and north to Lennoxville Road. There are multiple taps that service the corridor along Lennoxville Road. Several larger taps run along Leonda Drive, Lewiston Road, Lennoxville Point Road-Davis Bay Road. This work should not require any outages, but serves as a notification of the work being done. The work should take about a three weeks to complete.

"We have a responsibility to deliver power safely and reliably for our customers here in the Carolinas. Trees around our lines are a major contributor to customer outages, so we must trim the right of way from time to time around our lines. Our process is to remove any natural growth that could pose a danger to the power lines and public safety. By removing potentially dangerous fire and electrical shock hazards, we are helping keep power on in the community and the property around our lines as safe as possible," Duke Energy said in an email notification.

"Our crews use a variety of methods to monitor and manage vegetation growth on distribution and transmission power line rights of way. Our methods are monitored for safety, environmental impact and costs. To inform our customers before we start work on their property, our standard notification process on our distribution lines is to attempt to contact the customer at least 48 hours prior to any work taking place on their property. We knock on the

door of the customer and if no one is at home we leave a door hanger with contact information for the General Foreman that will be leading the crews in the area. This pre-notification will allow the customer to contact the foreman directly on his cell phone should they have questions or concerns regarding the work being planned or once the work is completed."

For additional information visit <https://www.duke-energy.com/community/trees-and-rights-of-way>.