

MAINTAIN ROADSIDE SAFETY

PROTECT ENVIRONMENTAL AREAS

IMPROVE FOREST HEALTH

Trees growing close to the roadway can create hazards.
Clearing helps prevent accidents and keeps the Turnpike safe.

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WHY TREE CLEARING HAPPENS ALONG MAINE TURNPIKE

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ROADSIDE SAFETY BENEFITS

The objective of roadside tree clearing is to improve safety using proven techniques while minimizing environmental effects.

- Reducing run-off-the-road crash severity by removing trees and debris
- Increase driver reaction times during animal encounters
- Increasing visibility of roadside signage
- Increasing sightlines at interchanges for merging traffic

ROADSIDE CARE

Tree-clearing is planned years ahead, progressing in 5–10 mile sections along MTA's 109-mile corridor.

Most wood is recycled through Maine mills, biomass facilities, or landscapers— keeping resources in Maine and ensuring nothing goes to waste.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Trees are a valuable resource in Maine, but without proper maintenance they can create safety hazards along the roadway.

- Increasing the amount of sun exposure on the roadway reduces the amount of rock salt required to remove snow and ice, which reduces impacts on the environment
- Removing dead, diseased, or hazardous trees before they affect healthy trees identifying and protecting sensitive wetlands and wildlife habitat along the Turnpike

Roadside meadow systems maintained by MTA provide ecological resources for pollinators--including the monarch butterfly



Scope of Work Includes:

- Removal of trees, brush, downed timber and debris—typically 135 from the right-of-way center line
- Stump grinding to flush with grade to allow for mowing in the future

