

# SASKPOWER WOOD POLE INSPECTIONS

May 2025

There are over 1.2 million wood power poles throughout Saskatchewan. To help ensure safe and reliable power, we conduct annual wood pole inspections to look for damage, decay, or ant infestation, and complete other maintenance activities to extend the life of the poles.

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## WHAT ARE WE DOING?

This year, SaskPower contractors are inspecting almost 120,000 wood power poles. We'll also be testing the ground connection of approximately 10,000 rural overhead transformers to ensure they are safe and reliable, and installing wildfire protection on 800 poles in high risk areas in the north. We won't need to disrupt your power to get this work done.

Poles that do not qualify for continued service will either be reinforced, replaced or noted for future replacement when other work is being done in the area.



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## HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our top priority is your health and safety, and the health and safety of our crews, while maintaining power reliability.

While our crews strive to stay within the SaskPower right-of-way as much as possible, there may be occasion where we need to access your property. Our contractors will be easily identifiable by their high-visibility clothing, identification cards, and company-branded vehicles.

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## 2025 WOOD POLE INSPECTION SCHEDULE

Pole inspection schedule by area (all numbers and dates are subject to change):

- Saskatoon Rural West (18,051 poles) – May to July
- Assiniboia (24,898 poles) – May to July
- Shaunavon (22,482 poles) – May to Aug.
- Rosetown (502 poles) – Aug.
- Lloydminster (17,801 poles) – Aug. to Sept.
- Melville (17,419 poles) – Aug. to Oct.
- Strasbourg (13,578 poles) – Sept. to Oct.
- Regina South (4,342 poles) – Oct.

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## 2025 GROUND TESTING SCHEDULE

Rural overhead transformer ground grid testing schedule by area (all numbers and dates subject to change):

- Moosomin (1,154) – May to July
- Davidson (1,423) – May to July
- Rosthern (1,241) – May to July
- Shellbrook (1,191) – July to Oct.
- Wynyard (1,638) – July to Oct.
- Unity (1,264) – July to Oct.
- Weyburn (2,432) – Oct. to Nov.

# BIOSECURITY AND POWER LINES

**SaskPower is committed to managing potential biosecurity risks associated with invasive species and crop disease.**

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We understand the importance of crop protection. We take care to protect the health and sustainability of Saskatchewan's agricultural sector.

Our Environmental Beneficial Management Practices identify measures to help prevent the spread of invasive species and crop disease in Saskatchewan. This involves limiting the amount of soil transported from location to location. These practices apply before, during and after construction of power lines.

These measures are based on industry best practices. They were developed following consultations with the Ministry of Agriculture and key agricultural stakeholder groups.

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## **CLUBROOT MITIGATION PLAN**

SaskPower has a clubroot mitigation plan. The plan sets out the steps we follow to help prevent the spread of clubroot in Saskatchewan.

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All SaskPower staff and contractors receive training in our clubroot mitigation plan. Landowners have an opportunity to identify biosecurity concerns. We assess the activity and the location of the work to determine the level of mitigation required.

During construction, all equipment, vehicles and materials will arrive on site free of weeds, soil and debris. Biosecurity concerns are reviewed as part of jobsite orientations to ensure that procedures are followed.

Working in wet conditions is avoided whenever possible. Traffic in and out of the area is minimized to help reduce risk. Equipment is inspected and if required, manually cleaned between fields. When working in fields known to be infected with clubroot, equipment is disinfected.

SaskPower staff continue to work with landowners to manage biosecurity concerns related to maintenance work on power lines after construction. Before staff enter private property, they will attempt to inform landowners and will manage identified risks as needed.

If you have questions about how SaskPower manages biosecurity risks, please contact us at [Environment@SaskPower.com](mailto:Environment@SaskPower.com)

**\*Please note that our clubroot mitigation plan is reviewed and updated periodically**