

Eversource has scheduled transmission line infrared patrols to begin on Monday, April 11, weather permitting. Our entire system inspection should take 4 to 5 days.

There is not an exact route or time for each line, but typically we start around the substations in Walpole and work our way west and north. This usually takes about a day. The second day we go from Walpole east and head towards Cape Cod.

For these inspections we only need to hover if the infrared camera indicates that there is a problem. Then we need to circle in for a closer look, take a picture, and identify the location and details of the problem. This takes about 5 minutes or less. Typically we just fly over the lines at about 20 mph and if there is nothing found we just keep going. We do circle each substation for a few minutes to check for problems. Hours will be 7 AM to 5 PM.

All patrols are aerial, helicopter is a white jet ranger with blue stripe, registration is 37WA. The bulk power desk will be contacted each day at the beginning and end of patrols.