



What you need to know about ... **Crop Protection**

Cleaning our equipment
to protect your livelihood

At ATCO Electric, we understand that your cropland is your livelihood. And we know that protecting your crops from soil-borne disease is a top priority. That's why we make every reasonable effort to contact landowners and follow existing land access agreements before entering cropland. That's also why we have standardized, comprehensive equipment cleaning practices.

Our cleaning practices

Our equipment cleaning practices have been adopted from the Government of Alberta's *Clubroot Management Plan*. The objective of this plan is to minimize or restrict the movement of soil material containing clubroot spores from an infected field.

Three levels of cleaning are identified: **mechanical cleaning, washing** and **disinfecting** – each providing a progressively more intensive level of cleaning that may be applied given a specific circumstance.

Our standard practice before entering cropland is **mechanical cleaning**. We remove dust, soil and plant materials from our equipment by mechanical means such as brushes, brooms, shovel or air compressors.

Our other practices are **equipment washing** using hot water or steam, and **equipment disinfecting** typically using a 1-2% bleach-water solution/misting.

In determining any additional level of cleaning, together with the landowner, we will assess a number of factors including:

- whether there is a confirmed presence of crop disease on the site or in the area
- how your land is being used and its geographic location, including water use and conservation requirements
- the requirements of the local district Agricultural Fieldmen
- your own circumstances and the nature of your request, including current landowner equipment cleaning practices

Emergencies

There may be cases when we require emergency access to cropland to restore power or to ensure public safety. If the landowner cannot be contacted, we will assess the risks using the factors indicated above and the risk to public safety to determine the appropriate actions to be taken.

Our commitment to you

ATCO Electric knows that crop protection is important to you. We are committed to working with you and provincial/local authorities to ensure that our practices meet your needs in managing the prevention of crop disease.

Talk to us

If you have any questions about our equipment cleaning practices, please let us know before we enter your field.

Contact us

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For more information on the Government of Alberta's *Clubroot Management Plan* visit their website at www.agric.gov.ab.ca