

Registered easement FAQs

Why does Hydro One need a registered easement?

Hydro One is currently planning to install equipment for a power line in your area. Sometimes Hydro One needs to place equipment on private property and this requires a registered easement. A registered easement provides Hydro One with the security it needs to ensure that the electricity distribution system remains secure and reliable for all the users in the province.

What is a registered easement?

A registered easement is an agreement where a landowner provides the legal right to another individual, company or municipality to use the landowner's property in some way. A registered easement does not mean you are selling part of your property, but rather you are granting a right to Hydro One to place some of its equipment on your property and allowing us to access and maintain this equipment in the future.

Why can't Hydro One install its equipment on the road instead of on my property?

Hydro One makes every effort to locate its equipment on road allowance. Sometimes it is not feasible to install the equipment on the road and we must approach private property owners.

How often will Hydro One want to access my property if I grant them an easement?

Once Hydro One installs the equipment, we will need to access your property only on occasion for maintenance or repair. With the exception of emergency repairs, Hydro One will make best efforts to notify you before we access your land.

Will I be financially compensated?

Yes. We follow a Schedule of Rates for specific equipment. The Hydro One representative will discuss compensation with you. Once the easement is registered you will receive a payment. All legal and survey costs are covered by Hydro One.

Do I have to give Hydro One a registered easement?

When installing equipment on private property Hydro One will make every effort to place its equipment in the least obtrusive area. Before you decide, you can consult with your lawyer to explain the Offer to Grant an Easement agreement. As the landowner, you have the right to refuse the proposed easement.

Next Steps

What can I expect if I decide to grant Hydro One an easement on my property?

- A Hydro One representative will present you, the landowner, with our planned design.
- If you're agreeable to move forward, Hydro One Real Estate will be in touch to work with you through the Easement documentation.
- Hydro One will arrange a legal survey and registration of the easement. On registration you'll receive a payment from Hydro One for the easement.