

COUNTY OF BARRHEAD NO. 11

Section:	Agricultural Service Board		
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Purpose

To establish a process to prevent the establishment and spread of *Plasmodiophora brassicae* in the municipality.

Policy Statement and Guidelines

1. Alberta's Agricultural Pests Act is the legislative authority for enforcement of control measures for named pests in Alberta. *Plasmodiophora brassicae*, a protist that causes the disease *Clubroot*, has been declared a pest under Alberta's Agricultural Pests Act since April, 2007.
2. Susceptible crops will be inspected for the presence of clubroot each growing season.
3. Inspections will be conducted by the Agricultural Fieldman or any other Inspector appointed under the Agricultural Pests Act.
4. Inspectors will follow procedures set out by Agricultural Services administration on proper sampling techniques and protocol for entering upon land.
5. When the land is verified positive for clubroot, the landowner will be notified in writing and the landowner and the Agricultural Fieldman will discuss a plan to control the clubroot. A legal notice may be issued under the Province of Alberta Agricultural Pests Act. *(Amended February 16, 2010)*
6. If a notice is issued, the notice will prohibit the growth of any canola, mustard, or any other susceptible crop for a minimum of four years in the infected area as suggested in the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan AGDEX 140/638-2, or as determined by the Agricultural Fieldman. *(Amended February 16, 2010)*
7. If a notice is issued and a susceptible crop is sown on the property, which violates the specified time period as indicated on the notice, that crop will be destroyed. *(Amended Feb 16, 2010)*
8. The Agricultural Service Board will work with agricultural producers by adopting Educational Programs for Best Management Practices.
9. The owner or occupants of the land who are disturbing the soil will have the responsibility to follow best management guidelines set out by Alberta Agriculture and Food to reduce the spread of disease with the movement of soil and equipment.
10. This policy shall be reviewed on an annual basis by the Agricultural Service Board.

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