

**Brazeau
County**

POLICY TITLE: Roadside Spraying for Weed or Brush Control

POLICY NUMBER: AG-10

REFERENCE: _____

APPROVED BY COUNCIL: August 10, 2004

POLICY STATEMENT

The Agricultural Service Board recognizes the importance of weed control and brush removal from County roadways. All efforts will be undertaken to ensure that any and all operations are carried out in manners, which are environmentally friendly and consider all safety practices for applicators and the general public. To this end the Agriculture Department in conjunction with the A.S.B. will develop a annual plan outlining the areas to be controlled annually which is consistent with the standards for good practices as set out under the Industrial Vegetation Management Association of Alberta operating procedures and in full accordance with Federal, Provincial legislation. Any exceptions to this annual plan will be handled by the Agricultural Fieldman in a manner consistent with this policy.

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Permits, Applications and Training

Applications for permits will be completed by the Agricultural Fieldman..

Efforts will be made to secure a licensed pesticide applicator to operate the spray truck during each season. If a licensed applicator cannot be secured for the season, the Agricultural Fieldman shall train the hired individual who shall, after approval of the Agricultural Fieldman, operate the truck as an unlicensed assistant tied to the Agricultural Fieldman's license or as otherwise allowed by Federal or Provincial statutes, regulations or guidelines.

All staff handling or applying pesticides shall take an in-house training session on pesticides presented by the Agricultural Fieldman and augmented as possible by outside educational opportunities.

Notification Of Program

The agricultural staff will inform the public of herbicide application dates, the proposed pesticides to be applied, contact phone numbers for Pesticide Toxicology, the Emergency Response number for the Pollution Emergency Response Team (PERT), Poison Control Centre, and the Alberta Environment Regional Office.

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