



Municipal District of Clear Hills No.21

Effective Date:	Procedure Number 6305-01
Title: Weed Control	

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1. Weed Control

- 1.1. The Agricultural Service Board shall establish a continuing awareness campaign through local meetings, tours and newspapers for good weed control practices within the Municipal District boundaries.
- 1.2. The Director of Corporate and Community Services shall hire sufficient staff to complement the program, and the Agricultural Fieldman shall provide adequate training to ensure that the weed inspectors and/or sprayer operators are capable of carrying out their duties as required.
- 1.3. The Agricultural Fieldman may contact and/or conduct farm visits to recipients of weed notices or weed letters during the winter months to remind them of their commitment to weed control on their property.
- 1.4. Weed inspectors will make every attempt to contact the landowner before the first inspection of the property. Weed inspectors field reports are issued in triplicate. When possible, the report is signed by the landowner/occupant and a copy left with them on the first inspection. One copy is to be filed in the Municipal District land file and the other in the weed file in the municipal office.
- 1.5. Weed inspectors shall inspect as many problem quarters as possible within the Municipal District in the following order of priority: special weed quarters, new weed quarters, old quarters (re-check), monitor fields. Visual inspections shall occur within the Municipal District as time permits, and severe weed infested quarters shall be issued notification letters.
- 1.6. Weed inspectors must handpick problem areas on public land when necessary or spray out patches on public land when necessary and record these areas on a map.

2. Enforcement

2.1. The Agricultural Service Board shall undertake enforcement of weed control under the Weed Control Act where deemed necessary.

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2.1.1. A "Notice to Remedy Weed Problems" (Form A) is issued by the Agricultural Fieldman at any time of the year.

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2.1.2. A "Notice to Control the Growing and Use of Crops" (Form B) is issued by the Agricultural Fieldman in the fall, with the Agricultural Service Board's approval.

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2.2. In May, the producer is contacted to remind him of the problem before seeding.

2.3. In June and July, inspections and public relations are conducted and the Agricultural Service Board is informed of the problem areas. (Photographs may be taken).

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2.4. If enforcement is to be conducted, the Agricultural Fieldman, Regional Crop Specialist, Area Representative Council Member and Agricultural Service Board shall act as a panel and inspect the subject property before enforcement control measures are implemented. In the event, enforcement work is necessary, the producer is given a Cease and Desist Order, and the Agricultural Fieldman suggest arrange enforcement control. Enforcement control methods selected shall try to minimize crop damage wherever possible.

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2.5. The costs involved with enforcement control will be recovered in accordance with the Alberta Weed Control Act and a fee of 20% will be added to cover the costs of administration.

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2.6. Council shall appoint an independent committee for the purpose of weed act appeals if they arise (Sec.28- (6) Weed Control Act).

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3. Seed Plant Inspections

3.1. The Agricultural Fieldman shall take seed samples, with the cooperation for the seed plant operator, from the commercial seed cleaning plants operating in the Municipal District of Clear Hills No. 21 throughout the calendar year.

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3.2. If the weed seed content of the samples are acceptable under the seed act, the Seed Cleaning Plant will be inspected using the form guidelines as stated under the Seed Cleaning Plant Regulations.

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3.3. Inspection shall take place during the winter months by the Agricultural Fieldman. Once the inspection is complete, and rating occurs as per guidelines as set by the Seed Cleaning Plant Regulations, a license will be issued if the plant passes the rating as set by the Seed Cleaning Plant Regulations of the Weed Control Act.

4. End of Procedure

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