
**Certified Organic No
Spray Agreement**

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Authority: Agricultural Service Board
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Policy Statement:

LAMONT COUNTY MAY ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH RATEPAYERS REQUESTING A "NO SPRAY" ZONE WITHIN COUNTY RIGHT-OF-WAYS ONLY IF THEY ARE CERTIFIED ORGANIC

Purpose:

To address ratepayer requests for a "No Spray" zone within the County right-of-way adjacent to property they occupy if they are certified organic.

Policy Resolution:

98-154, 99-86, 02-120, 03-95, ASB05-48, ASB08-070, ASB14-005

Related Documents & Legislation:

Alberta Certified Organic Association

Definitions:

Authority

Lamont County Agricultural Service Board (ASB)

Procedure

1. The landowner is responsible to provide up to date certification to prove their organic status before renewal of a No Spray agreement will take place
2. The landowner is responsible to provide adequate weed and brush control for the designated portion outlined in the agreement and
 - a. The landowner will control all Noxious and Prohibited Noxious weeds, as designated by the Alberta Weed Control Act, on or before July 15th

or as deemed necessary by the Agricultural Fieldmen or there designate.

- b. Landowners will be contacted at least 5 days prior to the July 15th deadline as a reminder that weed control must be completed.
 - c. "No Spray" agreements are considered null and void after July 15th, should the landowner fail to control the weeds and brush within the boundaries of the agreement.
3. Failure to comply with this agreement will result in:
 - a. "No Spray" signs being removed
 - b. Control measures carried out at the discretion of the Agricultural Fieldmen or their designate.
 - c. Landowners who have had their "No Spray" signs removed and control measures conducted by the County, will be ineligible to participate in the "No Spray" program or a period of 1 year following control measures by the County.
 4. In the event that the County has to perform remedial work in order to comply with the Alberta Weed Control Act, costs will be added to the Landowner's Property Taxes.
 5. Landowners requesting a "No Spray" zone along County right-of-way adjacent to their property shall enter into the attached "No Spray" agreement with Lamont County.
 6. It is the landowner's responsibility to annually register their participation in the "No Spray" program and the Location of "NO Spray" signs. All agreements, registrations, amendments and/ or termination must be submitted in writing, either by mail or faxed to the County prior to May 15th. Failure to renew your current "No Spray" agreement prior to **May 15th** will result in the termination of your agreement.
 7. Landowners wishing to enter into an agreement must apply **prior to May 15th of every year**. There will be one agreement per location.
 8. The County shall provide standard "No Spray" signs to the landowner at the beginning of the first year of participation only.
 - a. **Incorrectly placed signs will result in notification to the agreement holder to correct within 5 days; failure to do so will result in removal of signs, remedial action for weed control and termination of agreement.**
 9. The Lamont County spray program is intended to reduce the spread of weeds and brush, reduce snow trap problems, aid visibility and reduce the spread of crop diseases along County roads. The County right-of-way is not to be used as a buffer zone to achieve or hold organic status. **The producer MUST have their own buffer zone in practice.**
 10. The County is required to enforce the Provincial Weed Control Act, which states that all Landowners or occupants are responsible or maintenance of their property, including the zones identified in the agreement.

11. Landowners must notify the County of any changes in organic production certification.

Duties & Responsibilities:

Forms Associated With This Policy:

**Organic No Spray Agreement Form
Amendment History:**

Scheduled Review Date:

February 2016
