

RED DEER COUNTY

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Bylaw Guideline

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PURPOSE

To provide policy and guidelines for an effective County Roadside Weed Control Program.

GUIDELINES

The Roadside Weed Control Program will be administered by Agricultural Services staff with the goals of the program being to:

1. reduce the population of existing noxious weed concerns;
2. eradicate prohibited noxious weeds;
3. reduce the spread of noxious/prohibited noxious weeds; and
4. remove small trees and brush from roadside ditches, especially near intersections.

An Integrated Pest Management approach will be used that will include but not be limited to mechanically removing vegetation with brushing equipment, mowing, hand-trimming and hand-picking.

Selective herbicide treatment will also be used to control undesirable vegetation in County roadsides and municipal right of ways.

County crews will apply herbicide according to the manufacturer's label and all Provincial and Federal laws. Weed/brush control is the County's main priority; however, efforts will be made to avoid sensitive areas such as shelterbelts, sensitive crops (i.e. berries), beehives and native wildflowers.

Landowners wishing to opt out of the Roadside Weed Control program will be required to sign a "Vegetation Control Agreement" which requires the landowner to be responsible for undesirable vegetation control adjacent to his/her property.

Some of the methods to be used for achievement of this program and its goals are as follows:

1. Education of the public
2. Fence Line Weed Control Program
3. Roadside Brush Control Program
4. Partnering with the Provincial Government