



# COUNTY OF NEWELL - POLICY HANDBOOK

**POLICY NO:** 2016-PAG-020

<b>TITLE:</b> WEED CONTROL - ROADSIDE	
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## **POLICY PURPOSE:**

The County recognizes the significant impact that weeds pose on landowners and one of the primary vectors for spreading weeds is via road networks. This policy will set the guidelines for the Agricultural Services Department to implement a roadside spraying program.

## **POLICY GUIDELINES:**

Roadside spraying will be an on-going program of the Agricultural Services Department.

On even years, targeted roads will be north of Highway #1. On odd years, targeted roads will be south of Highway #1. Treatment areas will be the entire municipal right-of-way.

Problem areas will be identified by weed inspectors and/or Agricultural Services staff and sprayed as time and budget permit.

Only herbicides licensed for roadside weed control will be used. Herbicides used will be rotated from time to time to limit the chances of herbicide resistance.

The Agricultural Services Department will not spray roadside ditches where there is an "Agreement for Restricting Herbicide Use" with the landowner and signs are posted.

No spraying will be done beyond the fence line.

Each year, prior to the commencement of the spraying season, the County, by way of newspaper, will advertise that road spraying will be conducted. The advertisement will identify start and end dates, the option of setting up an exclusion zone, herbicides to be used and general location of primary spraying to be conducted.

Spraying will only be done under the supervision of a licensed pesticide applicator and the County will follow standards set out by the Professional Vegetation Managers Association of Alberta.

The County will ensure all required special permits are in place and followed.