

POLICY:

The Agricultural Service Board strives to fulfill its duties under the *Weed Control Act*. It also recognizes the benefits derived by the agricultural sector from assisting property owners and occupants within Beaver County to destroy Prohibited Noxious Weeds, control Noxious Weeds, and control brush and tree species.

DEFINITIONS:

- Custom Spraying Agreement: A written agreement between Beaver County and the Owner or Occupant permitting Beaver County to apply herbicide on the Owner or Occupants property.
- Custom Spraying: The application of herbicides on private land by Beaver County, for the purpose of destroying Prohibited Noxious Weeds, controlling Noxious Weeds or controlling brush and tree species.
- Custom Spraying Rate: The fee Beaver County will charge to an Owner or Occupant to conduct Custom Spraying activities on a property.
- Noxious Weed: A plant designated in accordance with the *Weed Control Act*, *Weed Control Regulation*, as a Noxious weed, including the plant's seeds.
- Prohibited Noxious Weed: A plant designated in accordance with the *Weed Control Act*, *Weed Control Regulation*, as a Prohibited Noxious weed, including the plant's seeds.
- Occupant: A person occupying or exercising control or having the right to occupy or exercise control over land.
- Owner: A person who is registered under the *Land Titles Act* as the owner of a property.

ELIBILITY:

Beaver County will offer a Custom Spraying service to Owners and Occupants of land within Beaver County for the destruction of Prohibited Noxious weeds, control Noxious weeds and the control of brush and tree species.

Council Approval

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GUIDELINES:

1. Beaver County will conduct Custom Spraying activities for property Owners and Occupants within Beaver County.
2. Custom Spraying activities will be prioritized based on information gained from onsite inspections by County staff, plant species present onsite, and the severity of infestation onsite.
3. Custom Spraying activities will not be conducted when private custom herbicide applicators are readily available to assist ratepayers or, when Noxious weed infestations or brush and tree applications exceed two hectares in size, unless authorized by the Agricultural Fieldman.
4. Beaver County will charge a Custom Spraying Rate for Custom Spraying activities as stated in Beaver County Bylaw 14-1023 – Fees for Service.
5. Beaver County will not charge a Custom Spraying Rate when the requested custom herbicide application is directly adjacent to a County road allowance.
6. Beaver County will not engage in Custom Spraying activities until a written agreement, in the form of a Custom Spraying Agreement, is obtained between the County and the Owner or Occupant of the property.

Administration shall develop procedures to implement this Policy, which may be amended from time to time without compromising the intent of this Policy.