

**COUNTY OF GRANDE PRAIRIE NO. 1
POLICY MANUAL**

Legal References: Weed Control Act	Policy Department: Agriculture Services
Cross References: Agricultural Service Board	Policy Number: D5
Adoption Date: June 14, 1999 Revision Date: November 26, 2007 (Resolution #11-1833-07)	Policy Title: No Spray Program

POLICY PURPOSE:

To allow concerned County of Grande Prairie No. 1 ratepayers the opportunity to exempt roadside herbicide spraying by the County of Grande Prairie #1 adjacent to their property, while ensuring weed and brush control on roadsides is maintained.

POLICY STATEMENT & GUIDELINES:

A letter shall be sent to the previous year's applicants reminding them of the no spray program.

An advertisement in the County of Grande No. 1 newsletter and in the local newspaper shall be placed by the Agricultural Fieldman in the spring of each year informing that:

1. Weed and brush control will be achieved by herbicide application.
2. All roads are subject to herbicide application.
3. Persons wishing to exempt roadside ditches adjacent to their property are required to complete a form and agree to carry out an effective weed and brush control plan.

The "No Spray Agreement" (attached to this policy) must be entered into and will state that::

1. The agreement must be updated yearly to ensure effectiveness.
2. Weed and brush control is the landowners responsibility.
3. Participants of this program will be given five days to control the weeds and brush. If not controlled to the satisfaction of the Agricultural Fieldman, the Agricultural department will control the weeds and brush as the Agricultural Fieldman sees fit and no exemption will be allowed the following year.

EXHIBIT(S):

1. No Spray Form (attached).



County of Grande Prairie No. 1

Roadside Restricted/Noxious Weed and Brush Control Program

Spray Exemption Form

NAME

PHONE NUMBER

MAILING ADDRESS

HOME LEGAL

EXEMPTION LEGAL

I/We, the undersigned, hereby request that the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 refrain from the application of herbicides by the lands noted, which I/We own.

I/We hereby:

- Agree to control the restricted, noxious weeds and/or brush that may be found on the roadside right of way throughout the growing season
- Understand that restricted and noxious weeds and/or brush control **MUST** be implemented as often as necessary to prevent seed set of all restricted and noxious weeds and/or brush sprouting as described by the Weed Control Act of Alberta, weed/brush designations as well as the Nuisance weeds on the reverse.
- Agree that this Agreement becomes null and void if any restricted, noxious weeds and brush described by the Weed Control Act of Alberta are found in any exempted areas.
- Understand that if the weed and brush control is not implemented to the satisfaction of the Agricultural Fieldman for the County of Grande Prairie No. 1, the exemption shall be cancelled and no exemption will be allowed in the subsequent year.
- Agree not to disturb the soil found in any part of the road right of way.
- Agree to indemnify and hold harmless the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 and all the Crown in Right of the Province of Alberta, their agents and employees, from any claims, demands, actions, and costs that may arise as a result of an act or omission in regards to this exemption.
- Agree to update this agreement yearly in order to ensure its effectiveness.
- Understand that no alterations of this form will be accepted.
- Understand that any herbicide used must be registered by the Pest Control Producers Act of Canada.

The following plants are designated as **restricted** weeds in Alberta:

- a) Red bartsia
- b) Diffuse Knapweed
- c) Spotted Knapweed
- d) Nodding Thistle
- e) Eurasian Water Milfoil
- f) Dooder
- g) Yellow Star-Thistle

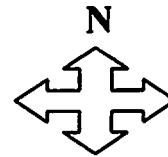
The following plants are designated as **Noxious** weeds in Alberta:

- a) Russian Knapweed
- b) Field Bindweed
- c) White Cockle
- d) Bladder Campion
- e) Cleavers
- f) Hoary Cress
- g) Knawel
- h) Perennial Sow Thistle
- i) Cypress Spurge
- j) Leafy Spurge
- k) Stork's Bill
- l) Canada Thistle.
- m) Toadflax
- n) Persian Darnel
- o) Scentless Chamomile
- p) Common Tansy
- q) Blueweed
- r) Spreading Dogbane
- s) Field Scabious
- t) Hound's-tongue
- u) Oxeye Daisy
- v) Tall Buttercup
- w) Purple Loosestrife

Brush: Any woody plant growing on the Right-of-way that hinders drainage and/or road vision.

Please specify below which areas are to be exempted:
(Please denote entrances, buildings, dugouts, shelterbelts and other landmarks)

DIAGRAM OF LOCATION



LANDOWNER SIGNATURE

DATE