

**Policy Name**

Vegetation Management

**Policy Number**

AG-10



**Policy Statement**

To establish guidelines to eradicate Prohibited Noxious and/or control Noxious weeds and woody vegetation on Brazeau County owned properties and right-of-ways. This provides for the eradication or control of weeds under Alberta's *Weed Control Act*; and for the control of encroaching woody vegetation (brush) in County right-of-ways (ditches).

**Policy**

- A. Brazeau County Vegetation Management program is conducted with the objective to eradicate Prohibited Noxious and/or control Noxious weeds and reduce the growth of woody vegetation (brush). This will assist in reducing snow accumulation problems; facilitate snow removal, aid in visibility for traffic safety and wildlife crossing.
- B. Pesticide applications will be performed by employees of the County and/or by contractors under direction of the Agricultural Fieldman. Employees and/or contractors must hold a valid Pesticide Applicator License. Pesticide applications will adhere to the guidelines set out in the Industrial Vegetation Management Association of Alberta (IVMAA) Industry Standards and Good Practices handbook, and the Environmental Code of Practices for Pesticides.
- C. The vegetation management program will be advertised annually.
- D. Applications will not be performed within 30 meters of any water course; or visible shelterbelt, garden, residence, unless spot treatment is required or under a Special Use Approval granted by Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development.
- E. No spray areas can be acquired under the guidelines of the "No Spray" Request Policy AG-23.
- F. Brush will be sprayed or mechanically removed to control encroachment which inhibits snow removal, grading, construction or maintenance of roads.
- G. Brush will be removed to improve sightlines at intersections and along right-of-ways that may reduce hazards with other traffic and/or wildlife.

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- H. Fence Line Herbicide agreement may be entered into with the resident to eradicate Prohibited Noxious and/or control Noxious weeds or brush inside the fence line up to one (1) meter upon signed agreement from the resident to remove vegetation in fence lines adjacent to County right-of-ways.
- I. Specific weeds may be targeted from time to time within Brazeau County boundaries. Vegetation control may take place on privately owned land with a custom spray agreement between the resident and the County.

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