



Policy Name

Vegetation Management Policy

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 rights-of-way. 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 is conducted with the objective to eradicate prohibited noxious and/or control noxious weeds and reduce the growth of woody vegetation (brush) in order to reduce snow accumulation, facilitate snow removal, and aid in visibility for traffic safety.
- B. Pesticide applications will be performed by Brazeau County employee and/or contractors under the direction of the Agricultural Fieldman and/or designate.
- C. The vegetation management program will be advertised annually before control work begins.
- D. Pesticide application will not be performed within 30 metres of any water course, or visible shelterbelt, garden, or residence. Spot spraying within 30 metres of a water course may occur with a special use approval granted by the Provincial department responsible for the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* or if the pesticide being applied is listed under table 1 or 2 of the Environmental Code of Practice for Pesticides.
- E. No spray areas can be acquired under the AG-23 Policy - No Spray Request.
- F. Brush will be removed to improve sightlines at intersections and along rights-of-way that may reduce hazards with other traffic and/or wildlife. Best efforts will be made to spray brush the season after mechanical removal has occurred.

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- G. A fence line control agreement may be entered into with a landowner to eradicate prohibited noxious and/or control noxious weeds or brush, up to five meters inside the fence line(s) adjacent to County and Provincial highway rights-of way.
- H. 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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