



COUNCIL POLICY C-AG08

Vegetation Control

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References: *Alberta Weed Control Act*,
 Procedure AG08-P1,
 Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act
 IVMAA Industry Standards and Good Practices
 Parkland County No Spray Agreement

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Function: Agricultural Services

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to establish standards to control the growth of brush and noxious weeds, and to eradicate prohibited noxious weeds on County-controlled road allowances.

POLICY STATEMENT

Parkland County shall spray and mow roadsides for the control of noxious weeds, the eradication of prohibited noxious weeds and for sightlines and the ease of snow removal.

DEFINITIONS

1. "Noxious weeds" shall have the same definition as that described in the *Alberta Weed Control Act*.
2. "Prohibited noxious weeds" shall have the same definition as that described in the *Alberta Weed Control Act*.
3. "No Spray Area" shall mean a section of municipal road right-of-way which would normally be maintained, but has been requested by a landowner to not be sprayed or mowed.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all Parkland County-owned lands, unless otherwise agreed to in an agreement with Parkland County.

MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

The Agricultural Services Department is responsible for implementing, monitoring and evaluating this policy.

STANDARDS

1. Roadsides will be sprayed with a selective herbicide to control weeds/brush wherever applicable, not within 100m of an occupied dwelling unless the landowner has been notified.

2. Sprayed and mowed areas will be mapped and maintained for historical reference.
3. Advertisements will be placed in the local newspapers to advise when spraying and mowing will commence and what types of herbicides will be used.
4. Areas requested not to be sprayed or mowed must be registered as “No Spray Areas” annually. The ratepayer is then responsible for weed and brush control in the designated area.