



SADDLE HILLS COUNTY

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Brush & Weed Control Along Roadsides	AG03	1 of 1

DEPARTMENT:

Agriculture

<u>COUNCIL RESOLUTION</u>	<u>CROSS REFERENCE</u>	<u>AMENDMENT DATE</u>
NO: 14.01.13.09		January 14, 2009

DATE: January 11, 2000

PURPOSE:

- A) To control restricted and noxious weeds along roads and Rights-of-Way in the County.
- B) To provide brush control on roadsides where tall growing brush is a hazard. The hazard may be in the form of poor visibility of other traffic or wildlife, or poor road quality caused by drifting or water retention.

POLICY:

1. Landowners will be notified by public media of spray program before commencing each year.
2. Restricted weeds, noxious weeds and brush will be sprayed with a registered herbicide according to label recommendations.
3. The truck mounted sprayer will be used wherever possible.
4. Skid mount handgun sprayers or back-pack sprayers will be used wherever necessary.
5. Brush over 2.5 meters in height should be mechanically cut and then sprayed the following year.
6. Broadcast spray operations next to water bodies will be conducted as defined and dictated by the Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act.
7. Broadcast spray operations will be conducted up to but not in front of yards, shelterbelts and dugouts that abut the County road Rights-of-Way.
8. Landowners who do not wish to have the ditches adjacent their land sprayed may sign a No Spray Agreement with the County.
9. Landowners who sign a No Spray Agreement with the County accept responsibility for the vegetation control within the posted area at their expense.
10. If a landowner signs a No Spray Agreement with the County and does not fulfill their responsibility for vegetation control, the County may charge back costs to fulfill this obligation.

Financing:

Provincial grants will be utilized to enhance the budget allotment to purchase chemicals and employ manpower.

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