

Policy statement

Leduc County will act in accordance with its legislated responsibilities under the *Province of Alberta Weed Control Act* and provide a program to assist Leduc County property owners in control of prohibited noxious weeds and noxious weeds along private fencelines/headlands adjacent to municipal roads at no fee for service.

Definitions

Noxious weed means a plant designated in accordance with the *Province of Alberta Weed Control Act* and *Weed Control Regulation* as a noxious weed and includes the plant’s seeds. A plant designated as a noxious weed may be present within Alberta but not in abundant numbers and has the potential to cause significant yield losses to agricultural crops.

Prohibited noxious weed means a plant designated in accordance with the *Province of Alberta Weed Control Act* and *Weed Control Regulation* as a prohibited noxious weed and includes its seeds. A plant designated as a prohibited noxious weed is generally not found in Alberta, or is found in small numbers but has a high potential threat of invasion or is potentially harmful in some fashion to livestock or people.

Integrated vegetation management means a systematic decision-making process that uses multiple methods of control to prevent unwanted plant species from becoming a problem.

Property owner means the person responsible for a property who

- is the legal owner of it,
- has lawful possession of it, or
- has the right to exercise control over it.

Policy authority

Legislative implications:

- *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*
- *Alberta Weed Control Act and Weed Control Regulation*
- *Alberta Environment Pesticide Service Registration – Industrial Approval*
- *Pest Management Regulatory Agency – Health Canada under the Pest Control Products Act Standards*
- *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

Policy standards

1. Control the spread of prohibited noxious weeds and noxious weeds in difficult to manage areas on private property adjacent to Leduc County road right-of-ways as conditions permit, with written permission by the property owner.
2. Carry out responsible herbicide application according to product label and by exclusively using selective herbicides registered through the Pest Management Regulatory Agency – Health Canada under the *Canada Pest Control Products Act*.
3. Herbicide applications will be performed only by pesticide applicators who have been trained in accordance with the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulation*.

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Policy responsibilities

Council responsibilities:

Council will,

- Approve the Fenceline Spraying Policy
- Approve budget annually

Administration responsibilities:

Administration will,

- Ensure compliance with all current legislated requirements and municipal policies.
- Implement and maintain procedures to ensure that all vegetation management operations will be undertaken in accordance with an integrated vegetation management program and established safe work practices.
- Provide training to employees to apply herbicides as specified under the *Alberta Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulation*.
- Educate property owners on noxious and prohibited noxious weeds and identify areas that qualify for the Fenceline Spraying Program.

Monitoring and updating

- This policy will be posted on Leduc County’s website.
- This policy will be reviewed at least once every four years.

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