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## PG-07 Brushing on County Rights-of-way

### Policy Statement

Leduc County will periodically brush roadways under County jurisdiction to improve the rural road network and drainage networks

### Policy Intent

To clearly establish the requirement to complete brushing projects within Leduc County.

### Service Level Standards

1. Road rights-of-way clear of tree and brush growth are safer, offer better visibility, are more stable, are less prone to snow drifting and offer more snow storage space. Clean drainage courses are more hydraulically efficient. For these reasons, removal of trees and brush in these areas is a priority.
2. Removal of trees and brush on private property will be preceded by formal agreements with property owners.
3. Landowners adjacent to areas planned for major tree and brush removal will be notified prior to commencement.
4. Agricultural Services will be notified of brushing activity to coordinate future spraying.
5. The priorities for brushing will be as per Table 1

**Table 1: Brushing Priorities**

Priority	Activity
1	Safety
2	Intersections
3	Roadside Ditches
4	Drainage Ditches

### Definitions

Brushing: is considered the removal of trees or brush by hand, chemical or machine methods.

Removal: is considered the cutting, shredding, or otherwise separating a tree or brush from its roots.

Right-of-way: is considered the lands owned or managed by Leduc County and used for the purpose of transportation and/or drainage.

### Authority/Responsibility

The Director, Public Works & Engineering is responsible for maintaining and updating this policy and ensuring that the appropriate resources are available to meet the service levels.

The Manager, Operations is responsible for ensuring that the appropriate staff adheres to this policy (i.e., agreements are secured).

The Manager, Operations is responsible for the development & prioritization of the brushing program based on staff input and public concerns.

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The Manager, Operations, in conjunction with the Area Foremen and staff are responsible for selecting the areas to be brushed.

Leduc County Public Works & Engineering staff (i.e., grader operators, labourers) are responsible identify areas where brushing is required.

Leduc County Public Works & Engineering staff is responsible to be aware of and follow Brushing on County Rights-of-way policy.

### Key Performance Indicators

**Table 2:** Brushing KPIs

		Annually	KPI
<b>Hand brushing</b>	a) Intersections	20 projects (minimum)	95%
	b) Roadside Ditch		
	c) Drainage Ditch		
<b>Machine brushing</b>	a) Roadside Ditch	15 miles of roadside ditch (minimum)	95%
	b) Drainage Ditch		

### Monitoring & Updating

This policy will be reviewed annually.

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