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1.0 Purpose

Woodlands County will control prohibited noxious and noxious weeds on local road rights-of-way and private land as indicated by policy principles.

2.0 Policy Details

The County shall prevent the spread of prohibited noxious and noxious weeds as defined by the Alberta Weed Control Act, Weed Designation Regulation (Alberta Regulation 19/2010) and as may be amended by local bylaw or ministerial order.

3.0 Procedures

3.1 The County shall contain weed growth on local roadsides by spraying and/or mechanical means on a continuous basis at the discretion of the Director of Agriculture Services.

3.2 Annual program announcements shall be advertised in order to allow private property owners/lease holders sufficient time to register under the No Spray Agreement provided by the Chief Administrative Officer.

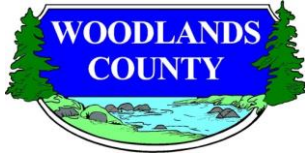
3.3 Chemical applications must adhere to Alberta Environment permit conditions, and done in accordance with guidelines set by the Industrial Vegetation Management Association of Alberta.

3.4 The County may assist landowners by providing advice on procedures for weed control with respect to the prevention of the spread of weeds on private land.

3.5 Private Land Application

The County may perform prohibited noxious and noxious weed control on private land when requested by the owner/occupant.

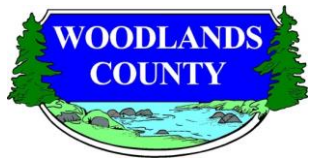
3.5.1 The owner/occupant must sign the Permission to Enter Upon Lands to Control Vegetation prior to any work being done.



- 3.5.2 Prohibited noxious and noxious weed control will be limited to no more than two (2) areas along fence lines, waste areas, and spot applications in pastures, hay and crop land whereby no individual spot is larger than 5 meters in diameter.
- 3.5.3 Fees will be levied as per the Woodlands County Fee Schedule Bylaw.
- 3.5.4 Prohibited noxious and noxious weed control on the Woodlands County road allowances will take priority over prohibited noxious and weed control on private land.
- 3.5.5 The Manager of Agriculture Services will maintain a list of local contract sprayers for distribution to owners/occupants upon request to assist with effective weed control

3.6 No Spray Agreement

- 3.6.1 The Chief Administrative Officer will provide landholders who wish to maintain road rights-of-way adjacent to their property with a “No Spray Agreement”.
- 3.6.2 The agreement is designed to be long term - one year or more.
- 3.6.3 Landholders must pick up the signs and complete the agreement at one of Woodlands County offices in the first year of participation.
 - 3.6.3.1 Signs will be provided at no cost
- 3.6.4 The landholder is responsible for the proper placement of signs and maintaining visibility of the signs, as per the agreement, as well as for their repair and replacement.
- 3.6.5 Woodlands County spray program is intended to reduce the spread of weeds and brush, reduce snow trap problems, aid visibility and reduce the spread of diseases (via volunteer Canola) along County roads.
- 3.6.6 The “No Spray” policy offers an opportunity to opt out of herbicide application adjacent to the landholder’s properties.
- 3.6.7 The County is still concerned with the above mentioned (1.4a), specifically, weed and brush control, and urges the “No Spray” participant to place high emphasis on maintaining their area free of weeds and brush. Maintenance must be completed before August 1st of each year.



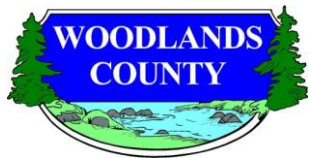
- 3.6.8 The County is required to enforce the Alberta Weed Control Act, which states that all landowners or occupants are responsible for maintenance of their property, including the areas identified in the Agreement.
- 3.6.9 If no attempt has been made to control weeds or brush in the area specified by the Agreement, August 1st, the Agreement will be cancelled.
- 3.6.10 Upon cancellation of the Agreement a letter will be sent to the Landowner indicating that the Agreement has been cancelled and the County's intent to proceed with weed and/or brush control as deemed necessary

4.0 Exhibits / Appendices / Forms

Schedule A – Prohibited Noxious & Noxious Weeds.
Schedule B – No Spray Agreement

5.0 Related Policies

- 553/20 – Schedule of Fees Bylaw



SCHEDULE 'A' Prohibited noxious & noxious weeds

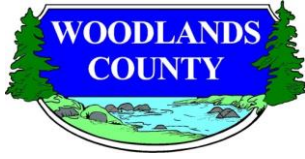
The following are the prohibited noxious and noxious weeds as currently defined under the Alberta Weed Control Act:

Prohibited Noxious:

Autumn olive	Hoary alyssum	Purple loosestrife
Himalayan balsam	Giant hogweed	Medusahead
Common barberry	Pale yellow iris	Yellow nutsedge
Red bartsia	Bighead knapweed	Puncturevine
Common buckthorn	Black knapweed	Tansy ragwort
Sulphur cinquefoil	Brown knapweed	Rush skeletonweed
Common crupina	Diffuse knapweed	Saltcedar
Dyer's woad	Hybrid knapweed	Saltlover
Eurasian water milfoil	Meadow knapweed	Common St John's-wort
Flowering rush	Russian knapweed	Yellow starthistle
Garlic mustard	Spotted knapweed	Chinese tamarisk
Jointed goatgrass	Squarrose knapweed	Smallflower tamarisk
Meadow hawkweed	Tyrol knapweed	Marsh thistle
Mouse-ear hawkweed	Giant knotweed	Nodding thistle
Orange hawkweed	Japanese knotweed	Plumless thistle
Hybrid Japanese knotweed		

Noxious Weeds

Common baby's-breath	Scentless chamomile
Creeping bellflower	Heart-podded hoary cress
Field bindweed	Lens-podded hoary cress
Blueweed	Hound's-tongue
Downy brome	Common mullein
Japanese brome	Broad-leaved pepper-grass
Great burdock	Field scabious
Lesser burdock	Perennial sow thistle
Woolly burdock	Leafy spurge
Tall buttercup	Common tansy
Yellow clematis	Canada thistle
White cockle	Black henbane
Oxeye daisy	Yellow toadflax
Dame's rocket	Dalmation toadflax
Globe-podded hoary cress	



**SCHEDULE 'B'
No Spray Agreement**

I acknowledge my duty to maintain the portion of the road rights-of-way that lies between the boundary of my property and the centreline of the roadway, free from all noxious or restricted weeds and brush before August 1st of each year.

I understand that if any noxious or restricted weeds and brush persist within Woodlands County rights-of-way and are determined by the Director of Agriculture Services or his/her designate to be unacceptable, then the owner/occupant of the adjacent "No Spray" area shall be notified by Woodlands County Agriculture Services Department and shall have 10 working days in which to control the weeds and brush in a manner acceptable to the Director of Agriculture Services or his/her designate, failing which, Woodlands County Agriculture Services may take whatever steps it deems appropriate to control these weeds and brush, which may include herbicide application.

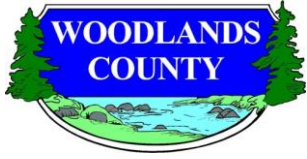
I also understand that the municipality rights-of-way shall not be used as buffer zones for sensitive area(s) or vegetation.

I agree to the following guidelines for signage of the requested "No Spray" area:

1. Woodlands County will supply "No Spray" signs once per property (owner/occupant)/lifetime and shall be the owner/occupant's responsibility to repair, replace and display the signs.
2. "No Spray" signs must be displayed adjacent to the request "No Spray" area and located at the corners of the property on the property line adjacent to the County roadway (approximately 20 feet in from neighbouring properties). "No Spray" signs must be fixed to a fence post or separate post at a height of no less than 3 feet off the ground and no more than 6 feet off the ground in an area visible from the road at a 45° angle to the road traffic (See diagrams).
3. It is the owner/occupant's responsibility to ensure clear visibility of the signs from the road from May 15th through September.

Legal Land Location of "No Spray" requests:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____



I hereby agree to the above terms, conditions and guidelines.

Print Name

Signature

Witness

Date

Phone Number

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

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SIGN REGISTRATION #'S _____

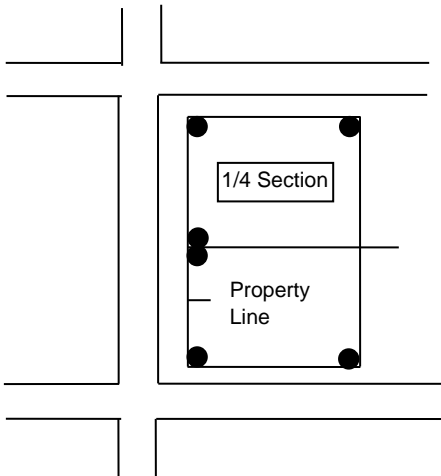
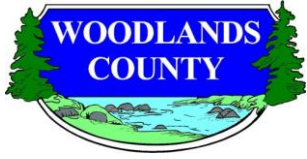
TOTAL SIGNS: _____

DATE SIGNS TAKEN: _____

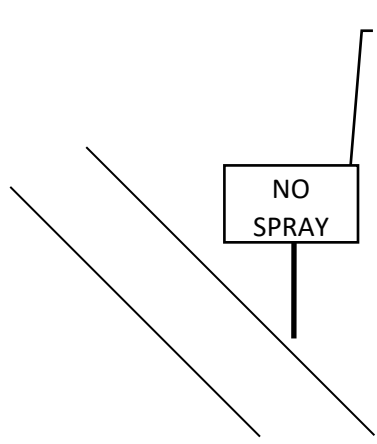
SIGNS RECEIVED BY PROPERTY OWNER/OCCUPANT:

SIGNATURE

The information collected is in accordance with Section 33(c) of The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act and the Weed Control Act, Weed Designation Regulation (Alberta Regulation 138/80) and is being collected for the purpose of administering the 'No Spray' areas, in conjunction with the Roadside Vegetation Management policy, as well as recording the 'No Spray' locations and the assigned 'No Spray' signs. Our F.O.I.P. Coordinator is available to answer any questions you may have pertaining to the collection and use of the information herein and may be contacted at (780) 778-8400.



● - "No Spray" Sign Placement



"No Spray" signs must be fixed to a fence post or separate post at a height of no less than 3 feet off the ground and no more than 6 feet off the ground in an area visible from the road at a 45° angle to the road

