

**Title: VEGETATION MANAGEMENT**

**Policy No: 6309**

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

1. 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.
2. 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. 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.
4. Chemical applications must adhere to Alberta Environment permit conditions, and done in accordance with guidelines set by the Industrial Vegetation Management Association of Alberta.
5. 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.
6. The County may perform prohibited noxious and noxious weed control on private land when requested by the owner/occupant.
  - a) The owner/occupant must sign the Permission to Enter Upon Lands to Control Vegetation prior to any work being done.
  - b) 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.
  - c) Fees will be levied as per the Woodlands County Fee Schedule Bylaw.
  - d) prohibited noxious and noxious weed control on the Woodlands County road allowances will take priority over prohibited noxious and weed control on private land.
7. 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.

**Definitions**

1.1 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	