

COUNTY OF ST. PAUL NO. 19

Our Mission - To create desirable rural experiences



ASB-7 Spraying Weeds on Private Property Policy

Department: Agricultural Service Board

POLICY OBJECTIVE:

The County of St. Paul strives to utilize its resources in the most effective and efficient manner possible. The County will, if it is in the best interest of the County's Weed Control Plan and with the cooperation of the landowner or occupant in question, provide assistance to private landowners and occupants to aid in preventing the spread of prohibited noxious and noxious weeds as defined by the *Alberta Weed Control Act* and *Weed Designation Regulation* and as may be amended by local bylaw or ministerial order on a cost recovery basis.

POLICY STATEMENTS:

1.0 Requirements

- 1.1 Private landowners and occupants who have prohibited noxious or noxious weeds on their property can contact the Agricultural Service Board to arrange for spraying the infested area.
- 1.2 The owner or occupant must sign a Permission to Enter Upon Lands to Control Vegetation Agreement prior to any work being done.

2.0 Application

- 2.1 The Agricultural Service Board will spray an appropriate chemical on the landowner or occupant's property. Prohibited noxious or noxious weed control will be limited to no more than four hours of spraying. This will include the employee's travelling time. A landowner can only utilize this service once on an annual basis to ensure that the Agricultural Service Board is able to carry out its duties and provide weed control to other landowners and occupants throughout the County.
- 2.2 The Agricultural Service Board employees will have the discretion to cease spraying if wind speed is too great, temperatures are not conducive to spraying, or the terrain does not lend itself to standard weed control methods. Moreover, the employees reserve the right to refuse spraying assistance to any individual at their discretion.

3.0 Assistance

- 3.1 The Agricultural Fieldman or their designate will maintain a list of contract sprayers for distribution to owners and occupants upon request to assist with effective weed control.
- 3.2 The Agricultural Service Board will provide an estimate of the costs to the landowner or occupant for approval before any work is done.

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