

**Policy statement**

Leduc County will act in accordance with its legislated responsibilities under the Province of Alberta *Weed Control Act* by providing a program to eliminate the growth of prohibited noxious weeds and control the growth of undesired vegetation in county road right-of-ways as well as on county controlled lands.

**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 the plant's 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.~~

**Policy authority**

*Legislative implications:*

- Province of Alberta *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*
- Province of 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*
- **Province of Alberta** *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

**Policy standards**

1. Conduct selective weed control on Leduc County controlled lands, including Leduc County road right-of-way, throughout the growing season. Weed control will occur where noxious or prohibited noxious weeds are present within Leduc County controlled lands.
2. Carry out responsible herbicide application according to product label and by exclusively using herbicides registered through the Pest Management Regulatory Agency – Health Canada under the *Canada Pest Control Products Act* to eliminate the growth of prohibited noxious weeds, and to control noxious weeds and undesired vegetation.
3. Herbicide applications will only be performed by pesticide applicators who have been trained in accordance with the Province of Alberta *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulations*.

**Policy responsibilities**

*Council responsibilities:*

Council will,

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- Approve the Vegetation Management in Leduc County Road Right-of-Way and Leduc County Controlled Lands Policy.
- Approve budget annually.

### *Administration responsibilities:*

Administration will,

- Ensure compliance with all current legislated requirements and municipal policies.
- Implement and maintain various vegetation management programs to maintain Leduc County road right-of-way and Leduc County controlled lands free of prohibited noxious weeds, noxious weeds and other unwanted vegetation.
- Provide training to employees to apply herbicides as specified under the Province of Alberta *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and Regulation*.

### **Monitoring and updating**

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