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Policy Title <p style="text-align: center;">Roadside Spraying Policy</p>	Date: <p style="text-align: center;">July 11, 2019</p>	Resolution No. <p style="text-align: center;">RC19-239</p>

Introduction

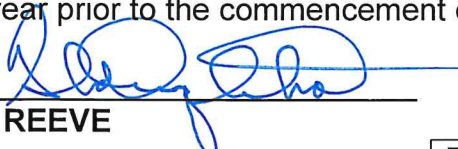
To develop guidelines and procedures for roadside spraying to control weeds as per the *Alberta Weed Control Act*, as well as brush and any other undesirable vegetation.

Policy


Birch Hills County will control weeds listed in the *Alberta Weed Control Act* as well as undesirable brush and tall broadleaved weeds within the right-of-way of the ditch. It will do so on a rotational basis covering a predetermined number of miles per year.

Procedure

1. Birch Hills County will spray the ditches with approved herbicides in an approved manner according to the label.
2. Spraying will commence in May and continue, on a weather permitting basis, and at the discretion of the Agriculture Fieldman.
3. Birch Hills County reserves the right to spray any or all of its right-of-ways with the chemical it deems fit, when it is deemed appropriate.
4. If a landowner does not want an area adjacent to his or her property sprayed, it is the responsibility of the landowner to enter into an agreement with Birch Hills County. This will be in the form of a written agreement attached as 'Schedule A' of this policy. After the agreement is signed the landowner can pick up signs from the County office and post them in the agreed upon area.
5. It is then the landowner's responsibility to control both the weeds and the brush from the center of the road to their property line. The County reserves the right to spray through an area if the weeds **are not** controlled adequately and /or if the Agricultural Fieldman sees fit to do so.
6. County right-of-ways are not to be used as buffer zones for organic producers or any other purpose. It is up to the landowner to provide his/her own chemical buffer zone.
7. All 'no spray' agreements are to be completed before May 1 of the current calendar year prior to the commencement of the spray program.



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ROADSIDE SPRAYING - NO SPRAY AGREEMENT

*Attention
Birch Hills County
Residents/Ratepayers*

The Agricultural Service Board of Birch Hills County will be carrying out a roadside spraying program for weed and brush control during the months of May through October. The spraying will be conducted by Agricultural Service Board staff and/or by private contractor hired by the Agricultural Service Board.

Spraying will not occur adjacent to yard sites or known herbicide sensitive vegetation (i.e. gardens, shelterbelts) or within the legislated setbacks from water bodies and water sources.

Persons who do not want their roadside sprayed adjacent to their property must complete and sign the attached form below and return it to the county office in Wanham by **May 1**. No telephone requests will be accepted.

Upon requesting no spraying, the landowner shall be responsible for weed and brush control within the road allowance adjacent to his or her property for the year as signed. In addition, upon the completed form being received by the office, signs will be available at the office for pick up and the landowner will be responsible for posting them where roadside spraying is not wanted.

This request is for a **one year** duration only.

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To: Birch Hills County
Box 157
4601 50 Street
Wanham, Alberta
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- ✓ I do not wish the road allowance adjacent to my property(ies), as described below, sprayed during the 20__ season.
- ✓ I accept the full responsibility of weed and brush control within the road allowance for the 20__ season, and all costs associated with the control, if control is warranted by Birch Hills County.

Name _____
Address _____

Telephone _____

Land Location (s): Qtr. ___ Sec. ___ TWP ___ Range ___ W__M

Landowner: _____	Signature: _____
Approved By: _____	Date: _____