



County of Lethbridge Policy Handbook

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APPROVED BY: County Council **SUBJECT:** Charge Back for Blow
Dirt Clean-Up
REVISED DATE: April 21, 2005

A. GENERAL PROVISIONS:

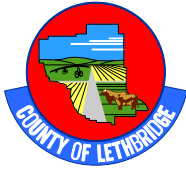
In an effort to encourage landowners to combat soil erosion, the County of Lethbridge has laid out in this Policy a procedure which will allow for the owner of the land who allows their property to be subjected to soil erosion to the degree that the eroded soil is deposited on public roadways and drainage ditches, that they will be responsible for costs incurred for cleaning up the public property.

B. CONDITIONS OF NOTIFICATION OF CHARGE BACK

1. Any landowner who is served a notice under **The Soil Conservation Act** will also be served a copy of this Policy.
2. Any landowner who receives a notice of this Policy as issued by an agent of the County of Lethbridge under the authority of the County of Lethbridge will be subject to a charge back.

C. CONDITIONS FOR CHARGE BACK

1. The landowner will be forwarded a notification of the impending clean out work to be undertaken along with an estimate of the cost of the project. Commencement of the clean up project by the County of Lethbridge will take place within a 90 day period.
2. Upon completion of the clean out project, costs for said work will be calculated at current County rates and the landowner who was notified under the notification procedure and is responsible for the deposit of eroded material, will be issued an invoice for the cost of the clean up.
3. The landowner who receives the invoice for the cost of the clean up will be subject to all penalties and interest charges if the invoice is not paid on or before its due date.
4. All outstanding invoices exceeding 120 days will be presented to County Council with an Administrative recommendation for the invoice to be placed on the tax roll and collected as though it were taxes.



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D. APPEAL PROCEDURE

1. Any landowner who receives a notice or invoice under the terms of this policy has the ability to submit a written appeal to the Soil Conservation Appeal Committee of the County of Lethbridge within 10 working days of the issuance of the notice or invoice.
2. When a written Appeal is submitted to the Committee, the Committee will provide for a Public Hearing into the Appeal where neighbouring landowners and the Appellant will have the opportunity to present their input to the Committee.
3. After the Public Hearing, the Committee will render a decision within 10 days of the hearing and the Appellant and the neighbouring landowners will be notified of the decision in writing.