



Lethbridge County Policy Handbook

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SECTION: 600 NO. 606

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SUBJECT: Prohibited Noxious
Weed Control Policy – Vegetation
Management Special Programs

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PURPOSE:

1. When a prohibited noxious weed infestation is discovered or reported, a thorough inspection will be conducted by the County to determine the area affected and the number of plants present.
2. A Weed Notice shall be issued to the landowner with a copy made available to the occupant, if applicable, and shall be served as outlined under the Weed Control Act.
3. When an infestation occurs in a row crop, the owner or occupant will have the option to hand rogue the field as many times as the Weed Inspector deems necessary in order to destroy all prohibited noxious weed plant material or spot spray the weeds and/or affected plants with a non-selective herbicide registered for control of the prohibited noxious weed present. All plant material will be subject to disposal as directed by the Weed Inspector.
4. The only other option available when a prohibited noxious weed occurs in a row crop where roguing or spot spraying is not feasible, or, in the opinion of the Weed Inspector, has not been carried out effectively, will be the total destruction of all vegetation in the prohibited noxious weed infested area; firstly, through the application of a non-selective herbicide to the entire infested area and secondly, by plowing under the entire infested area.
5. Time is of the essence.
6. Harvesting of a row crop that has been declared free of prohibited noxious weeds by a Weed Inspector will be carried out under the direct supervision of the Weed Inspector in order to reduce the chance of cross-contamination of soil and plant material with other producers.
7. In areas other than row crops where prohibited noxious weeds occur, the Weed Inspector shall determine which method will be initiated in order to destroy all plants and plant material present.
8. Persons failing to comply with this policy will be subject to the provisions as set out under the Weed Control Act.