

Title: Spray Exemptions

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Purpose: Greenview recognizes that there may be valid reasons for landowners and rural residents to request that herbicide applications not be performed on or adjacent to their property. As a service to landowners, the spray exemption program allows concerned landowners an opportunity to request that roadsides adjacent to their property be exempt from herbicide applications, while ensuring invasive species control along municipal road rights-of-way (ROW), as required by the Weed Control Act of Alberta (RSA 2008 W5.1) and the Weed Control Regulation (AR 19/2010) is maintained.

DEFINITIONS

Registered Land Owner means the Person or Persons to whom the land title is registered to.

Authorized Agent means the person or persons to whom the registered land owner has authorized to act on their behalf through a contractual agreement.

Noxious Weeds means a plant designated in accordance with the regulations as a noxious weed and includes the plant's seeds; Control to inhibit the growth or spread.

Prohibited Noxious Weeds means a plant designated in accordance with the regulations as a prohibited noxious weed and includes the plant's seeds; destroy to kill all growing parts or to render reproductive mechanisms non-viable.

POLICY

1. Annually, prior to the commencement of spray season, Greenview will advertise the municipality's intention to conduct invasive species (weeds) control activities on municipal properties and along municipal road right-of-way's (ROWs), using measures that may include: mechanical, cultural, or herbicide applications.
2. The registered landowner (or authorized agent) may, prior to the advertised application deadlines, request an exemption from herbicide applications to the road ROW that is adjacent to their property. Eligibility for an Exemption Agreement will be at the discretion of the Manager of Agriculture Services.
3. Consideration for an exemption will be provided to only those landowners who annually enter into a Spray Exemption Agreement whereby the landowner commits to adequately perform acceptable measures to control Noxious and Prohibited Noxious weeds, and/or brush on the entire roadside area for which the spray exemption is requested.

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4. Only the registered landowner of the property will qualify for a Spray Exemption Agreement and accept responsibility for maintenance of the roadside ROW adjacent to the property listed in the Agreement.
5. If, at any time it is determined by Agriculture Services personnel that roadsides under a Spray Exemption Agreement require remedial vegetation control measures due to the proliferation of Noxious Weeds, Prohibited Noxious Weeds, or Brush, the terms of the agreement will be deemed to have been breached and the agreement will become null and void for that calendar year. Greenview Agriculture Services will take immediate action to rectify the situation, which may include herbicide applications. In the event of a default of the Spray Exemption Agreement. No exemption will be granted for that property in the subsequent calendar year.

PROCEDURE

1. The registered landowner will enter into a separate Spray Exemption Agreement for each parcel of land for which a Spray Exemption is requested.
2. Eligible Agreement holders will be responsible for ensuring that signage, which will be supplied by Greenview is posted in accordance with the directions on the Spray Exemption Agreement and remains clearly visible from the roadway at all times (first pair of signs is free).
3. Replacement signs (for lost, damaged or destroyed signs) have a charge per signs as per the Schedule of Fees and Charges.

APPENDIX

List of Designated Prohibited Noxious and Noxious Weeds in Alberta (AR 19/2010)

List of Designated Prohibited Noxious Weeds in Alberta (AR 19/2010)

1 The following plants are designated as prohibited noxious weeds in Alberta:

- autumn olive — *Elaeagnus umbellata* Thunb.
 balsam, Himalayan — *Impatiens glandulifera* Royle
 barberry, common — *Berberis vulgaris* L.
 bartsia, red — *Odontites vernus* (Bellardi) Dumort
 buckthorn, common — *Rhamnus cathartica* L.
 cinquefoil, sulphur — *Potentilla recta* L.
 crupina, common — *Crupina vulgaris* Pers. ex Cass.
 dyer's woad — *Isatis tinctoria* L.
 Eurasian water milfoil — *Myriophyllum spicatum* L.
 flowering rush — *Butomus umbellatus* L.
 garlic mustard — *Alliaria petiolata* (M. Bieb.) Cavara & Grande
 goatgrass, jointed — *Aegilops cylindrica* Host
 hawkweed, meadow — *Pilosella caespitosa* Dumort.
 hawkweed, mouse-ear — *Pilosella officinarum* L.
 hawkweed, orange — *Pilosella aurantiaca* L.
 hoary alyssum — *Berteroa incana* (L.) DC.
 hogweed, giant — *Heracleum mantegazzianum* Sommier & Levier
 iris, pale yellow — *Iris pseudacorus* L.
 knapweed, bighead — *Centaurea macrocephala* Puschk. ex Willd.
 knapweed, black — *Centaurea nigra* L.
 knapweed, brown — *Centaurea jacea* L.
 knapweed, diffuse — *Centaurea diffusa* Lam.
 knapweed, hybrid — *Centaurea* × *psammogena* Gáyér
 knapweed, meadow — *Centaurea* × *moncktonii* C. E. Britton
 knapweed, Russian — *Rhaponticum repens* (L.) Hidalgo
 knapweed, spotted — *Centaurea stoebe* L. ssp. *micranthos* (Gugler) Hayek
 knapweed, squarrose — *Centaurea virgata* Lam. ssp. *squarrosa* (Willd.) Gugler
 knapweed, Tyrol — *Centaurea nigrescens* Willd.
 knotweed, giant — *Fallopia sachalinensis* (F. Schmidt Petrop.)
 Ronse Decr.
 knotweed, hybrid Japanese — *Fallopia* × *bohemica* (Chrték & Chrtková) J. P. Bailey
 knotweed, Japanese — *Fallopia japonica* (Houtt.) Ronse Decr.
 loosestrife, purple — *Lythrum salicaria* L.
 medusahead — *Taeniatherum caput-medusae* (L.) Nevski
 nutsedge, yellow — *Cyperus esculentus* L.
 puncturevine — *Tribulus terrestris* L.
 ragwort, tansy — *Jacobaea vulgaris* Gaertn.
 rush skeletonweed — *Chondrilla juncea* L.
 saltcedar — *Tamarix ramosissima* Ledeb.
 saltlover — *Halogeton glomeratus* (M. Bieb.) C.A. Mey.
 St John's-wort, common — *Hypericum perforatum* L.
 starthistle, yellow — *Centaurea solstitialis* L.
 tamarisk, Chinese — *Tamarix chinensis* Lour.
 tamarisk, smallflower — *Tamarix parviflora* DC.
 thistle, marsh — *Cirsium palustre* (L.) Scop.
 thistle, nodding — *Carduus nutans* L.
 thistle, plumeless — *Carduus acanthoides* L.