



Agricultural Service Board *Program Guidelines*

TITLE: Weed Control Rebate Program

MOTION: 24.69

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 20, 2024

DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBLE:
Agricultural Services

NEXT REVIEW DATE: September 20, 2024

PROGRAM STATEMENT:

Lac La Biche County recognizes that Noxious and Prohibited Noxious Weeds are detrimental to landowners and agricultural production. It is the duty of the municipality to enact the provisions required by the province as per the *Weed Control Act* and the County is obliged to assist our ratepayers to carry out measures in controlling, preventing and destroying these plants.

DEFINITIONS:

1. “Inspector” or “Weed and Pest Inspector” shall mean an individual appointed by the municipality that monitors and enforces compliance under the *Weed Control Act*.
2. “Inspector’s Notice” means a notice given out by Weed and Pest Inspectors which directs an individual to control Prohibited Noxious and Noxious Weeds found on Landowners property.
3. “Landowner” or “Landholder” shall mean the person who is registered as an owner of the land under the *Land Titles Act*, or
 - (ii) in respect of personal property, the person who
 - (a) is the legal owner of it,
 - (b) has lawful possession of it, or
 - (c) has the right to exercise control over it.
4. “Noxious Weed” means a plant designated in accordance with the regulations as a Noxious Weed and includes the plant’s seeds. This weed designation can be seen as regulatory support for a “containment” stage of invasive plant management. Plants listed in this category are considered too widely distributed to effectively eradicate. A local authority may conduct control programs for these weeds if they feel they may have significant ecological or economic impact on lands within their municipality.
5. “Prohibited Noxious Weed” means a plant designated in accordance with the regulations as a Prohibited Noxious Weed and includes the plant’s seeds. This weed designation can be seen as regulatory support for an “Early Detection, Rapid Response” stage of invasive plant management. Plants in this category are either not currently found in Alberta or are found in few locations such that eradication could be possible. Under the *Weed Control Act* a person has a responsibility to destroy a prohibited noxious weed.

PRINCIPLES:

1. The County will work together with landholders through collaboration, extension, demonstration, and rebate methods for the destruction of Prohibited Noxious Weeds and the control of Noxious Weeds to achieve these objectives:
 - a) Stop the spread of Prohibited Noxious Weeds and Noxious Weeds onto non-infested land;
 - b) Reduce the level of existing Noxious Weed infestations on permanent cover land;
 - c) Destroy any Prohibited Noxious Weed infestations on permanent cover land;
 - d) Enhance the productivity and longevity of permanent cover lands via weed control.

PROCEDURE:

EXTENSION COMPONENT

1. Lac La Biche County Weed and Pest Inspectors annually appointed by Council as per the provincial *Weed Control Act* will be available for consulting on Noxious Weed identification and weed control options.
2. Extension materials on weed identification and weed control options will be made available to all landholders.

REBATE COMPONENT

1. The total budget available to be utilized for the Weed Control Rebate Program will be set annually by Council.
2. Landholders are eligible for a rebate on a dollar amount per acre for destroying Prohibited Noxious Weeds and/or controlling Noxious Weeds on their permanent cover lands.
3. Industrial, commercial, and residential lands are not eligible for the rebate.
4. The rebate (\$/acre) will be based on a 50/50 (Lac La Biche County/Landholder) cost share formula calculated by using the by using the price (as determined annually in the spring) of TruRange herbicide on a per acre basis (using 20 acres per jug rate).
5. Landholders' eligibility is based on the application of TruRange herbicide according to the manufacturer's label and recommendations. The Agricultural Fieldman may also approve the application of Reclaim II, Grazon XC, and/or Restore II as eligible herbicides.
6. Weed and Pest Inspectors will confirm that the herbicide was applied and the desired level of prohibited noxious weed destruction or noxious weed control was achieved.
7. The rebate payment will be calculated using the number of acres of herbicide product that was purchased (confirmed by a copy of the purchase invoice) by the landholder, multiplied by the \$/acre rebate number.
8. To be eligible for the rebate program, the copy of the purchase invoice(s) must be in the landholder's name.

9. To be eligible for the rebate program, landholders must submit the form in Schedule “A” with their proof of purchase by the annual date of October 15th.
10. The rebate is processed in the fourth quarter of the year and capped at \$1,500 per landholder per year.
11. Unused portions of the rebate budget will be used to increase the number of eligible acres for each landholder that has gone above their cap of \$1,500.
12. A landholder that receives an Inspector’s Notice for noxious weeds is ineligible for the rebate.
13. A landholder that receives an Inspector’s Notice for prohibited noxious weeds is eligible for the rebate if the Inspector’s Notice is voluntarily complied with.

“Original Signed”
ASB Chairperson

October 1, 2024
Date

“Original Signed”
Chief Administrative Officer

October 2, 2024
Date

“Original Signed”
Manager

September 23, 2024
Date

SPECIAL NOTES/CROSS REFERENCE:

AMENDMENT DATE:

Schedule "A"

Weed Chemical Rebate Program Application

Please fill out this form to apply for a rebate on chemicals purchased for eligible use.

Applicant Information

- 1. **Name:** _____
- 2. **Phone Number:** _____
- 3. **Email Address:** _____

Location Details

- 4. **Legal Land Location:** _____

Chemical Purchase Information

- 5. **Chemical(s) Purchased:** _____
- 6. **Total Amount Spent \$:** _____
- 7. **Date(s) of Purchase:** _____
- 8. **Proof of Purchase (please attach your receipt to this form)**

Rebate Request

- 9. **Amount Requested \$:** _____

Certification

- 10. **Certification Statement:** "I hereby certify that the information provided is accurate and the chemicals were used as per the manufacturer's label."
- 11. **Signature:** _____
- 12. **Date:** _____

Submission Instructions

Email to: agriculture@lACLabichecounty.com

- **Mail:** Lac La Biche County Agricultural Services
Box 1679
Lac La Biche, AB ToA 2Co
- **In-Person:** Lac La Biche County Centre, 13422 HWY 881, Lac La Biche, Alberta

Information Collection Statement:

“Your personal information is being collected under the authority of Section 33(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. The information is being collected for the purposes of the Weed Control Rebate Program. If you have any questions about the collection and use of this information, please contact the FOIP Coordinator for Lac La Biche County at (780) 623-1747.”

For Office Use

- 13. **Date Received:** _____
- 14. **Rebate Amount Approved:** _____
- 15. **Notes:**

Approved By:

Print Name Signature Title Date

