PURPOSE:

1. To control weeds in Lethbridge County as timely as possible; to ensure our compliance with the Weed Control Act.

2. Paved and oiled roads will receive first priority.

3. Spraying will be carried out on a three-year rotation within the County. The areas are as follows:

   - Area 1 – All right-of-way west of RR-23-0 north of 519, west of 22-0 south of 519 and west if Highway 4 south of Lethbridge.
   - Area 2 – All right-of-way south and east of the Oldman River and east of Highway 4.
   - Area 3 – All right-of-way east of RR 23-0 north of 519 and south of 519 east of RR 22-0.

The areas not scheduled for spraying will receive spot treatment.

4. Weeds that become too mature to be effectively controlled with chemicals or that are located too close to sensitive crops will be mowed to control the spread of seeds.

   It is recognized that inclement weather could prevent carrying out portions of the policy.

5. Only chemicals registered for right-of-way use will be utilized.

6. Spray truck operators will shut off past all farmsteads and where canals, drains, sloughs and ponds encroach on the road allowance. Booms will also be turned off 100 meters on either side of visible bee hives.

7. Landowners that do not want their road allowances sprayed must visibly post **DO NOT SPRAY** signs far enough in advance to allow sufficient time for the operator to react. Signs will be made available at the Agricultural Office in Picture Butte. Landowners must sign a “No Spray Zone” Agreement with Lethbridge County.
8. The County’s rights-of-way will not be considered as a “buffer zone” for organic farming purposes.

9. Operators will only spray when weather and wind conditions warrant and will keep a daily log of roads sprayed, weather conditions, wind direction and speed and the PCP number of the chemical being applied.

10. Difficult to control noxious or prohibited noxious weeds located in rights-of-way in small contained infestations will be mowed, pulled or hand-sprayed with a selective herbicide registered for control of the specific species involved.

11. The roadside spraying program will be advertised prior to commencement.

12. Roadside spraying will be coordinated to ensure the roadside mowers and spray trucks are not duplicating efforts.