

POLICY NO:	AG 012
POLICY TITLE:	ROADSIDE NO SPRAY ZONE AGREEMENT AGRICULTURE
APPROVAL DATE:	32-04-01 (April 24, 2001)
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The County of Vermilion River recognizes that some landowners do not want herbicides for brush and weed control applied to the municipally- owned roadside ditches adjacent to their property. Landowners have the opportunity to enter into a No Spray Zone Agreement with the County of Vermilion River established because of documented personal health concerns and/or organic agricultural production requirements. The signed agreement is between the County and the land owner under which the County agrees it will not apply herbicides along the roadsides stated in the agreement. In return the landowner agrees to control brush and noxious and restricted weeds.

NO SPRAY ZONE AGREEMENT APPLICATION DEADLINE IS MAY 31.

1. The No Spray Zone Agreement will cover the minimum road distance needed to satisfy organic production requirements or health concerns.
2. Under No Spray Zone Agreements, the landowner is responsible for brush and weed control.
3. The County of Vermilion River will enter into a No Spray Zone agreement with landowners for a period of one year.
4. When a hazard, caused by brush growth, occurs in a No Spray Zone the County will take action to remove the hazard without notice or delay. The County may, at its option, apply herbicides or use mechanical means to remove the hazard.
5. If a No Spray Zone is not being maintained as required by the agreement, the county may apply herbicides or use mechanical means to control weeds or brush.
6. The County will make placards available on a one time basis. The Agriculture Department will use these placards to designate the No Spray Zone.
7. The County of Vermilion River Agriculture Service Board will be responsible for placing two placards per linear ½ mile of roadside where their property begins and ends. Placards are to be placed on the fence line or edge of field facing the road. The County of Vermilion River Agriculture Service Board reserves the right to apply herbicide to tree growth in front of No Spray Zone signs to maintain placard visibility.

8. In the event County of Vermilion River spray crews apply herbicides in a No Spray Zone, under no circumstances will the County of Vermilion River be liable for any perceived damages.
9. All No Spray Zones will be inspected to ensure landowners are meeting brush and weed
10. Control requirements.
11. The No Spray Zone Agreement is not transferable.
12. The holder of the No Spray Zone Agreement absolves the County of Vermilion River of any legal liability arising from third party injuries or damage due to the no spray zone not being maintained.