

POLICY 5114

LAMONT COUNTY

POLICY

- TITLE : HYDRO-AXE BRUSHING
- AUTHORITY : AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD/PUBLIC WORKS
- POLICY STATEMENT : LAMONT COUNTY MAY CONDUCT AN ANNUAL HYDRO-AXE BRUSH MOWING PROGRAM
- PURPOSE : TO CONTROL BRUSH GROWTH AND RE-GROWTH ON COUNTY ROADWAYS AND INTERSECTIONS FOR IMPROVED ROAD MAINTENANCE AND PUBLIC SAFETY
- POLICY RESOLUTION : 95-334, 96-366, ASB05-13
- PROCEDURE :
1. County Council shall set priorities and a budget for the Hydro-Axe and corner brushing program on an annual basis.
 2. Roads shall be considered for Hydro-Axe and corner brushing on the following priority basis:
 - (i) Emergencies (Police, Fire, Ambulance, County, relating to County safety)
 - (ii) Collector Roads
 - (iii) School Bus Turnarounds
 - (iv) All Other Roads
 - (v) Approaches
 - (vi) Special Requests
 3. Prior to the tendering process, a pre-project information letter and reply form shall be sent to all landowners adjacent to right-of-way prioritized for the hydro-axe and corner brushing program to determine any concerns/special requests. Responses shall be evaluated, compromises may be negotiated, if necessary, and projects eliminated at Council's discretion. Final tender specifications shall reflect conditions and/or concerns for contractor and staff information. Brushing may be completed by County staff resources.

4. Any requests which are received for brush mowing of roads or approaches after the annual priorities are set shall be reviewed and inspected, and may be considered for the following year's program.
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 - (a) If a landowner desires, then approval may be given for the landowner to complete the brushing at their own cost with written consent from the County outlining the conditions of the final project and state of the R.O.W.
 - (b) The landowner shall complete the brushing in accordance with the same specifications as set for the County's annual program. The landowner shall notify the County when the work is completed, so that it can be inspected.
6. Council may consider leaving brush on roadways under the following circumstances:
 - (i) if it is adjacent to a farmstead and forms part of the shelterbelt; and
 - (ii) if an area is prone to soil erosion.

However, one pass of the Hydro-Axe (8') on each side of the road will be mowed out in these areas.

7. All hydro-axed brush in the County R.O.W. will be scheduled as a priority for spraying the following season to control regrowth.