

CITY OF EDMONTON WEED AND PEST CONTROL PROGRAMS

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Throughout the season, the City of Edmonton applies pesticides to control noxious weeds in accordance to Provincial legislation and where the infestation of nuisance weeds exceeds City standards for parkland areas. The City of Edmonton is aware of public concerns and continually evaluates new systems, techniques, products and biological controls to reduce pesticide use. There are also a number of programs to address special concerns about pesticide use near schools, playgrounds, daycares and private residence. A copy of the IPM policy C501, pesticide exemption information, treatment schedules and a list of materials used is available on our website and from Parks administration locations listed below. All pest management programs follow the principles of Integrated Pest Management (IPM).

Integrated Pest Management Guidelines

- 66 sites in Edmonton are designated “herbicide free”.
- Herbicide application on school grounds only takes place in July and August.
- Buffer zones of 30 meters are in place around all playgrounds, skate parks and daycare centres.
- Residents adjacent to stormwater management areas will receive written pre-notification, prior to lake treatments for algae.
- Citizens with medical considerations are eligible for pre-notification of pesticide application and a herbicide free buffer zone (MAPP program).
- No spray buffers are available for citizens that live adjacent to land owned by the City of Edmonton (HERP program).
- Residents living adjacent to parkland may petition a site to be designated as herbicide free if 66 % of affected residents agree to the petition.
- Where the potential for public exposure exists, treated areas are posted with yellow and black signs indicating the date and time of application, the pest controlled and material used. Exceptions do exist on fence lines, around posts, cracks in hard surfaces, mosquito roadside ditch and helicopter treatments.
- Call 311 for detailed information on daily spraying activities through out the city.

INSECT AND OTHER PEST PROGRAMS

Insect pests on trees are controlled when they create an unacceptable amount of damage and are a threat to plant health. Small mammalian pests such as Richardson ground squirrels may also be controlled. These activities occur on parks, sportsfields, boulevards, roadway buffers and vacant City land. Treatment for mosquitoes depends on rainfall and varies accordingly. The City of Edmonton contracts helicopters for mosquito control to treat standing water in the industrial and out-lying areas surrounding Edmonton.

All pest control products and procedures used meet strict standards established by Health Canada through the Pest Control Products Act and are considered safe for these types of applications. Employees are trained and certified by Alberta Environment and meet stringent standards in the method of application.

For more information on broadleaf or other weed control call:

South Service Area311
East Service Area.....311
West Service Area311

For more information on insect and small mammal control call:

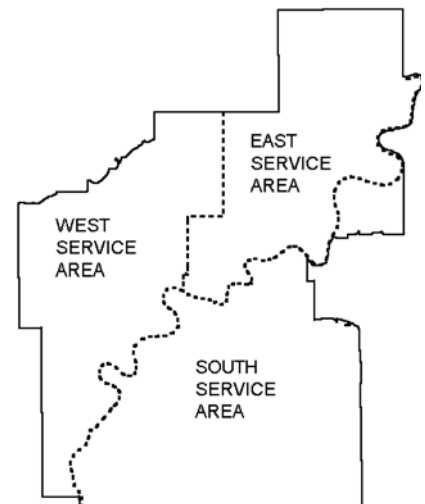
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Edmonton Service Area Boundaries

