

Broadleaf Weed Herbicide Exemption Petition

Dear Petitioner:

In response to your inquiry regarding discontinuing the application of Broadleaf Weed Herbicide at a green space in the neighbourhood, attached is the procedure to petition, and applicable terms and conditions.

The initiator of the petition must:

- Contact the City's program co-ordinator at 780-944-5414 prior to the initiation of the petition
- Be available to answer public inquiries resulting from the petition
- Use the official petition form provided by Parks and adhere to the terms and conditions set
- Make each petitioner aware of the petition guidelines and make a copy available to each petitioner
- The petition shall include the name (printed and legible), address, telephone number and signature of each person in agreement, as well as the date of petition. For citizens that do not want to disclose personal information on the petition form but still want to support this petition, you may send a letter of support to the program coordinator.
- One signature per residence will be accepted. In the case of multiple housing, such as condominiums or apartments, one signature per dwelling will be accepted. Normally it is the occupant of the dwelling, whether it is a renter or an owner, whose signature is obtained. In the case of a dispute, it would be the landowner rather than the renter who determines their preference for the adjacent land.
- The person signing the petition must be a resident and be at least 18 years old. In cases of dispute the owner's signature will be obtained.
- Commercial, industrial, government, civic buildings, or vacant property is regarded as a single residence and signature must be accompanied by written authorization (such as a letter on company letterhead) to be valid.
- In order to fulfill the intent of the petition, those signing the petition shall represent a two-thirds majority (or 66%) of persons residing immediately adjacent to or abutting the subject Parkland.
- Schools that are stand alone with no one residing immediately adjacent to or abutting must have written approval from the School Principal.
- Once a site is successfully petitioned and the petition is verified, Parks Operations will provide the initiator of the petition with official written notice.
- Areas eligible for petition (refer to attached glossary for definitions): Neighborhood parks, ravine greenbelts, pipeline greenbelts, walkways, school grounds and utility right of ways.
- Areas that cannot be petitioned for exemption (refer to attached glossary for definitions) are: District parks, major parks, roadways, and boulevards.
- A successful petition shall hold exemption in place until such time as residents adjacent to or abutting the site file a reversal petition and achieve a majority, thereby re-instating the designated area to have broadleaf herbicide application by the City of Edmonton.
- Please send petition to:
Asset Management & Public Works Department
Parks Operations
ATTN: Program Co-ordinator
9120- 37 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T6E 5L4

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DEFINITIONS:

- **BOOKABLE SPORTS FIELDS:** Sports fields such as baseball diamonds, football fields or soccer fields that are reserved for use for a fee.
- **BOULEVARD:** Roadway median with a turf or a combination of turf and concrete surface.
- **BROADLEAF WEED:** A non-grass weed (e.g.: dandelion).
- **DISTRICT PARK:** Large park located within a neighbourhood (e.g. Coronation Park or Jackie Parker Park).
- **HARD SURFACE/AGGREGATE:** Asphalt, concrete, sidewalks, parking lots, gravel, shale, rock or curb and gutter.
- **HERBICIDE:** A chemical product approved for use in weed control in Canada.
- **INSECTICIDE:** A chemical product approved for use in insect control in Canada.
- **MAJOR PARK:** Large park located in the river valley (e.g. Rundle Park or Hawrelak Park).
- **NEIGHBOURHOOD PARK:** Small park centrally located within a neighbourhood.
- **NOXIOUS WEEDS:** A weed so defined by provincial or municipal legislation.
- **PIPELINE GREENBELT:** A corridor for a pipeline with a turf or a combination of turf and concrete surface.
- **RAVINE GREENBELT:** A ravine including naturally wooded and grassed areas as well as developed turf areas.
- **ROADWAY:** Includes local, collector and arterial roadways as well as freeways and drives.
- **SCHOOL GROUND:** Joint use (Parks/School Board) areas within the school ground property, excluding the school frontage.
- **UTILITY RIGHT OF WAY:** A corridor for utility lines such as power, water or natural gas, with a turf surface.
- **WALKWAY:** A corridor for public foot traffic with a turf or a combination of turf and concrete surface.
- **WEED:** A plant that grows among desirable plants in a Parkland area, not intentionally sown or planted and is deemed undesirable for aesthetic or safety reasons.