

## Purpose

1. The purpose of this policy is to establish safe and reasonable standards for brushing of roads in Rocky View County [the County] without unnecessary loss of scenic beauty or the environment functions served by roadside vegetation.



## Policy Statement

2. The County’s practice of road brushing within the County shall be handled in a consistent manner that also considers the unique, local and environmental concerns, and character of local roads.
3. The County is committed to road brushing best practices that prioritize public safety.
4. The County’s road brushing practices incorporate its responsibilities under the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c M-26.
5. This policy applies to all public roads under the direction, control and management of the County, unless a specific road is deemed to be exempt by a resolution of Council.



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6. Vegetation along roads will be managed to ensure safe operation of the roadway system. In addition to public safety, the County may consider ecological function, aesthetics, and long range road network upgrading plans when making decisions regarding road brushing.
7. The County reserves the right to use any appropriate means to control and manage all vegetation growing on, within and above its roads.
8. A 5-year plan for road brushing will be updated and re-evaluated by Administration on an annual basis.



## References

Act(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Municipal Government Act</i>, RSA 2000, c M-26</li> </ul>
Regulation(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• n/a</li> </ul>
Plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• n/a</li> </ul>
Related Policies, Bylaws, Directives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• n/a</li> </ul>



Related Procedures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rocky View County, <i>Crop Damage</i>, PRO-409</li> </ul>
Other	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n/a</li> </ul>
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Administrative Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n/a</li> </ul>
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## Definitions

9. In this policy:
- (a) **“Administration”** means the operations and staff of Rocky View County under the direction of the County Manager.
  - (b) **“Brushing”** refers to the clearing of vegetation on, within, or above Rocky View County’s roads.
  - (c) **“County Manager”** means the Chief Administrative Officer of Rocky View County as defined in the *Municipal Government Act* or their authorized delegate.
  - (d) **“Council”** means the duly elected Council of Rocky View County.
  - (e) **“Roads”** means roads as defined in the *Municipal Government Act*, which includes both carriageways and rights-of-way.
  - (f) **“Rocky View County”** and **“the County”** means Rocky View County as a municipal corporation and the geographical area within its jurisdictional boundaries, as the context requires.
  - (g) **“Vegetation”** refers to woody plant species, including shrubs and trees of all age classifications.