



Yard Maintenance Policy

Approval Date: January 8th, 2019

Takes Effect: January 8th, 2019

1. Purpose of policy:

The RM of Edenwold's Yard Maintenance Policy was created so that residents can enjoy a safe and attractive community while also creating a predictable enforcement process. The RM of Edenwold recognizes the importance of the appearance and amenity of the entire RM and has implemented this policy to encourage landowners to keep their lots tidy throughout the summer months.

2. Scope of policy:

This policy is effective throughout the entire RM on residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and vacant lots.

3. Inspections:

- i. Grass and weeds will be monitored by the Development Officer or delegate.
- ii. If, upon inspection, the Development Officer or delegate determines a lot requires mowing, the RM will arrange to have the lot mowed after following the notification process stated in *Section 4: Notification*.
- iii. Inspections of country residential subdivisions will occur on the dates stated in *Schedule A: Inspection Dates*, which are subject to change annually.
- iv. Inspections of other overgrown yards causing a nuisance will occur as complaints are received.

4. Notification:

- i. Landowners will be notified of overgrown grass and weed infractions by mail, unless an email is provided to the RM and is indicated as the preferred method of communication (recommended). The letter will contain a deadline for the landowner to have their lot mowed.
- ii. Landowners will be responsible for checking their mail or email in a timely fashion. If a deadline is missed and the RM mows the lot, the landowner will still be responsible for paying the invoice in full.
- iii. Landowners are responsible for notifying the RM if they will arrange to have the lots mowed themselves. If the RM is not notified that mowing arrangements have been made by the landowner before the deadline given in the letter, the RM will mow the lot and invoice the landowner.
- iv. Landowners that do not notify the RM and are invoiced for lot mowing will be responsible for the full cost of the invoice.

5. Enforcement:

- i.** Development Officer or delegate will inspect the lot on the dates identified in *Schedule A*. If it is determined that a lot is overgrown and is causing a nuisance, the landowner will be notified of the infraction (*See Section 4: Notification*).
- ii.** If the landowner does not notify the RM that they have made arrangements to mow the lots themselves, the RM will have the lot mowed and the landowner will be invoiced.
- iii.** The amount of the invoice will be determined using *Schedule B: Fees* attached. Fees are subject to change annually.
- iv.** Landowners are encouraged to notify the RM if there is any issue with them complying with the policy. If they fail to communicate with the RM in a timely manner, they will be responsible for paying for the invoice.
- v.** Lots may be mowed multiple times throughout the season if subsequent inspections are failed. An invoice will be issued each time the lot is mowed.
- vi.** Unpaid invoices may be added to the taxes of any landowner.

Schedule A to RM of Edenwold Yard Maintenance Policy

Inspections of country residential subdivisions will occur on the following dates:

1. Wednesday, June 12th, 2019
2. Wednesday, July 24th, 2019
3. Wednesday, September 4th, 2019

All other lots will be inspected as needed.

Schedule B to RM of Edenwold Yard Maintenance Policy

Fees as of January 8th, 2019:

Vacant - \$500.00

Developed - \$750.00