

City of Edmonton Herbicide Exemption Petition Initiator Application Form

In response to your request, the Initiator Application form has been provided to you to begin the petition process to discontinue the use of herbicide applications for weed control at a green space in your neighbourhood. To begin the petition process the location of the proposed herbicide exemption site must be submitted to the City's pesticide use exemption program coordinator for review. This review ensures that the site you are proposing to petition is eligible for petitioning. After reviewing the site's eligibility the program coordinator will contact you with the results. At that time you may collect signatures using the official petition form. You may download the form from our program [website](#) or request a hard copy from the program coordinator. The petition will only be considered valid after a confirmation of eligibility to petition the site.

Please be aware of the following Program Guidelines:

The initiator of the petition must:

1. Read and accept the Terms and Conditions (attached);
2. Be available for a period of one year to answer public inquiries resulting from the petition;
3. Use the official petition form provided by the City;
4. Complete the information form below and return to:

Pesticide Use Exemption Program Coordinator
City of Edmonton, Community Services
Neighbourhoods, Parks and Community Recreation
12th floor, CN Tower, 10004-104 Ave, Edmonton
P.O. Box 2359
T5J 2R7

(Please Print)

Name: _____
First Last

Contact Phone Number(s): _____

Address: _____

Postal Code

Exemption Site Address: _____

Signature

Date

*The program coordinator will contact you to confirm the approval of the application

By signing above you acknowledge that you have read and agree to the Program Guidelines, Terms and Conditions. If you have any questions regarding the petition please contact the program coordinator at: 780-423-1465.

This personal information is being collected under the authority of section 33(c) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act*. The City of Edmonton will use this information for purposes necessary to and consistent with determining the discontinuation of herbicide applications on the petition site. The privacy provision of the *FOIP Act* protects all personal information collected by the City of Edmonton. If you have any questions regarding the collection or use of this information, please contact Parks program coordinator at 780-423-1465.

City of Edmonton Herbicide Exemption Petition Terms and Conditions

- **This is a herbicide exemption only.** Pesticides to control pests other than weeds (e.g. wasps) may still be used if necessary.
- The initiator must ensure each petitioner is aware of the petition terms and conditions and provide copies of the petition terms and conditions to petitioners.
- The petition shall include the printed and legible name, address, telephone number and signature of each person in agreement, as well as the date the petition was signed. For citizens that do not wish to disclose personal information on the petition form but would still like to support this petition, he or she may send a letter of support to the program coordinator directly.
- Only 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 considered valid. 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 of an immediately adjacent or abutting property and be at least 18 years of age at the time of the signing. In cases of dispute the landowner's signature will be obtained.
- Commercial, industrial, government, civic buildings, or vacant property are regarded as a single residence and a signature must be accompanied by written authorization (i.e. a letter written on company letterhead) to be considered valid.
- In order to fulfill the intent of the petition, residents signing the petition shall represent a two-thirds majority (or 66%) of persons residing immediately adjacent to or abutting the petition site.
- Schools that stand alone with no one residing immediately adjacent to or abutting the school must have written approval from the School Principal.
- Once the request is reviewed and the site is successfully petitioned, the program coordinator will provide the initiator of the petition with official written notice.
- Areas eligible for petition are: neighborhood parks, ravine areas, pipeline corridors, walkways, school grounds and utility right of ways (please refer to the definitions on the last page).
- **Areas that cannot be petitioned for exemption are: district parks, major parks, roadways, and boulevards (please refer to the definitions on the last page).**
- A successful petition shall hold the exemption in place until such time as residents adjacent to or abutting the site file a reversal petition and achieve a majority of signatures (two-thirds or 66%), thereby re-instating the designated area to be included in the City of Edmonton's regular weed management program, which includes the potential use of herbicides.

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City of Edmonton Herbicide Exemption Petition Definitions

- **BOULEVARD** Refers to land shown as a road, or a road right of way, on a plan of survey filed or registered in a land titles office but does not include a Roadway (e.g. median).
- **DISTRICT PARK** A large park located within a neighbourhood intended to be used by residents within a district (e.g. Coronation Park or Jackie Parker Park).
- **HIGHWAY** Refers to any thoroughfare, street, road, trail, avenue, parkway, driveway, viaduct, lane, alley, square, bridge, causeway, trestleway or other place or any part of any of them, whether publicly or privately owned, that the public is ordinarily entitled or permitted to use for the passage or parking of vehicles.
- **IMPROVED TRAIL** Refers to an identifiable path, track or public right of way on Parkland intended for use by pedestrians and Vehicles other than Motor Vehicles that has: (i) a surface width equal to or greater than one and a half metres; and (ii) an improved surface such as pavement, granular material or mulch or a maintained grass surface.
- **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 intended to be used by residents within a neighbourhood (e.g. Inglewood Park, Lansdowne Park).
- **PEST** An organism that causes damage, is a nuisance or interferes with the health, environmental, functional or aesthetic objectives of human beings.
- **PESTICIDE** A substance that prevents, repels, alters or kills unwanted pests. Pesticides include insecticides used against insects, herbicides to control weeds, rodenticides for rodent control, fungicides to control fungi and so on.
- **PIPELINE CORRIDOR** A corridor for a pipeline with a turf or a combination of turf and concrete surface.
- **RAVINE AREA** A small valley including naturally wooded or grassy areas that may include developed turf.
- **ROADWAY** Refers to that part of a Highway intended for use by vehicular traffic but does not include an Improved Trail or an Unimproved Trail;
- **SCHOOLGROUND** Joint use (Parks/School Board) areas within the school ground property, excluding the school frontage.
- **UNIMPROVED TRAIL** Refers to an identifiable path, track or public right of way on parkland intended for use by pedestrians and vehicles other than motor vehicles that has: (i) a surface width equal to or greater than a half metre; and (ii) a natural surface.
- **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 surface of turf or a surface combination of turf and concrete.
- **WEED** A plant that grows in a Parkland area that is not intentionally sown or planted and is deemed undesirable.