



Weed Inspector

Transportation and Agriculture Services

Weed Inspectors are responsible for inspecting public and private properties for noxious and prohibited noxious weeds as listed in the Alberta Weed Control Act and Regulations. In addition, the Weed Inspector is required to enter weed inspection information into a department specific software program, map weed infestations, and write reports.

Responsibilities

- Inspect public and private properties as per the Alberta Weed Control Act and Regulations
- Educate residents about ecological and economic impact of weed infestations, invasive species, and how to identify problem weeds on their property
- Enforce the Alberta Weed Control Act which involves issuing notices, tracking due dates, working with GIS software, and initiating work orders
- Communicate with various stakeholders such as residents, industry, and commercial businesses in a professional manner
- Work with confidential and sensitive information

Skills and Abilities

- Knowledge of the Alberta Weed Control Act
- Strong plant identification skills
- Effective customer service, public relations and communication skills (verbal and written) to work with diverse groups of individuals and the ability to deal with residents in challenging situations
- Experience working with the public in various situations including one on one communications, public speaking, and educating
- An understanding of agricultural practices
- General computer proficiency and the ability to learn department specific software
- Able to work alone, under minimal supervision

Qualifications

- Post-secondary education with an emphasis on applicable biological science courses such as botany, plant science, ecology; two years related experience is preferred
- Courses and experience with weed identification and the Weed Control Act are strong assets
- Equivalencies of education and experience may be considered
- Previous municipal experience is an asset
- Current Standard First Aid certification is an asset
- Pesticide Applicator's Certificate would be an asset