



Mariposa County
Department of Public Works

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ROADSIDE VEGETATION CONTROL AGREEMENT

Please check one: New Request: _____ Renewal: _____ End the "No Spray" Agreement: _____

Property Owners Name: _____ Applicant Name (if not owner): _____

Property Address: _____
(street) (city) (zip)

Owner/Applicant Mailing address: _____
(street) (city) (zip)

Phone: (____) _____ Email: _____

Explanation/reason owner/applicant requests "No Spraying": _____

The Department of Public Works hereinafter referred to as the DPW, and owner/applicant hereby enter in to the following agreement:

The owner/applicant agrees to control vegetation along all the roadsides adjacent to the legal land descriptions listed above. Owner/applicant shall post "**NO SPRAY START**" and "**NO SPRAY END**" signs at the beginning and end of the designation area in an orientation facing oncoming traffic. The vegetation control implemented by the applicant shall limit growth to no more than 6 inches in height and shall not till the soil. Vegetation control shall not impact safe use of the road by others. If the owner/applicant fails to maintain vegetation control, DPW reserves the right, after reasonable attempts to notify of the owner/applicant, to nullify this agreement and perform vegetation control measures, including spraying. The owner/applicant shall indemnify and hold harmless the County of Mariposa, and the Department of Public Works, its employees and agents of all claims, demands, actions and requests whatsoever that may arise directly or indirectly from the carrying out of this agreement.

In consideration of the foregoing, the DPW agrees not to use chemical vegetation control methods in the right-of-ways adjacent to the property described above. "Toxic/Noxious/Invasive" weeds, as identified by the County Agricultural Commissioner, are exempt from this Agreement and are subject to eradication upon identification.

This agreement does not cover brush and/or tree control that remains the responsibility of the DPW. The trees or brush will be removed by mechanical means by the County when scheduled and the applicant will be responsible to address re-growth, as part of this agreement.

This agreement expires two (2) years from the date signed and approved by the DPW Representative.

Signed: _____ Date: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____
Owner/Applicant DPW Representative

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

APN: _____

Completed agreement sent to applicant: _____ Date _____ DPW Staff _____

Mariposa County Public Works Department - Roads Division Right-of-Way Vegetation/Weed Control

The County of Mariposa maintains approximately 600 miles of public roads and Zone of Benefit Roads, including actively managing for vegetation control utilizing chemical means.

The Mariposa County Public Works Department goals for vegetation control are to:

- 1) Maintain sufficient sight distances for drivers, pedestrians, and cyclists
- 2) Prevent vegetation encroachment that infringes on safe use of the roadway
- 3) Reduce fire hazard
- 4) Maintain proper drainage and minimize erosion
- 5) Prevent the spread of invasive species onto adjacent properties
- 6) Maintain the structural integrity of the roadway.

The Public Works Department utilizes chemical weed control as it minimizes the disturbance of the soil adjacent to the roadway, which significantly reduces erosion. In addition, it is more effective, less expensive, and safer than manual methods of vegetation control.

Summary of Mariposa County Public Works Department Procedures:

1. The Mariposa County Public Works Department utilizes contracted herbicide applicators licensed by the State of California with either a Qualified Applicator License (QAL) or a Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC).
2. The contractor is required to register as an Agricultural Pest Control Operator and as a Pest Control Advisor annually with the Mariposa County Agricultural Commissioner prior to operating as a pest control business in the county.
3. The operators are trained on a continual basis throughout the year, and are required to be re-certified every other year.
4. All spraying is supervised by a certified applicator. Spraying is not performed on days the certified applicator is absent.
5. The applicator submits chemical and timing recommendations to the Public Works Department who will review with the Agricultural Commissioner prior to commencement of spraying operations.
6. The area to be sprayed is an approximately 4-foot wide strip along the edge of designated County maintained roads and Zone of Benefit roads. This width may vary when conditions dictate.
7. Contact, pre-emergent, and post-emergent herbicides are applied depending on the pest control recommendations, terrain, location, vegetation, sensitive sites, time of year, and other factors. Generally, pre-emergent will be applied in the

Fall (October to December depending on anticipated weather conditions) and post-emergent will be applied as spot treatment in the Spring. These timeframes may vary if conditions warrant.

8. The herbicides are applied by the contract PCO using appropriate equipment, application methods, and rates. This may include ground rigs such as ATVs or a spray truck with boom mounted spray bars or backpack sprayers as dictated by acreage, topography, or type of vegetation.
9. Spot spraying is performed with hand-held devices, backpacks, the spray gun attached to the spray truck or ATV for areas not accessible by the sprayer bar (behind guardrails, utility poles, ditches, cattle guards, etc.).
10. Weekly records are provided to the Public Works Department documenting the name and quantity of herbicide applied, the location of the spraying, and the number of shoulder miles sprayed per day.
11. Monthly Pesticide Use Reports are submitted to the Mariposa County Public Works Department and to the Agricultural Commissioner on the amount and type of chemicals used.

Roadside Vegetation Control (“No Spray”) Agreement request form:

On occasion, requests are received from local property owners to establish a "no-spray" zone on road frontage bordering their property. The Public Works Department will typically accommodate such requests if the property owner agrees to be responsible for handling the vegetation/weed control.

- Landowners may submit a Roadside Vegetation Control (No Spray) Agreement form to the Mariposa County Public Works Department.
- The agreement will specify that vegetation is to be maintained to a height no more than 6 inches and be done in a manner that does not till the soil.
- Landowners are required to post “NO SPRAY START” and “NO SPRAY END” signs such that they are clearly visible to approaching spray crews.
- The Roadside Vegetation Control (No Spray) Agreement covers only the County’s chemical spray program and does not address other road maintenance including brush and/or tree control or grading that remains the responsibility of the Mariposa County Public Works Department – Roads Division.
- The Roadside Vegetation Control (No Spray) Agreement expires two (2) years from the date signed.
- If vegetation and noxious weeds are not maintained by the landowners, the Roadside Vegetation Control (No Spray) Agreement will be voided and the Public Works Department will utilize chemical methods as necessary.