



FAQ's- Industrial Services

Are you licensed and trained?

We are licensed, inspected and regulated by Alberta Environment. Our field staff are either licensed applicators, authorized assistants or non-certified assistants and we have ongoing training and educational programs in place. Additionally, we are members of the Alberta Construction Safety Association and have achieved our Certificate of Recognition (COR). Plus we are authorized service providers for Complyworks, Avetta and ISNetworld which recognizes our commitment to health and safety.

Tell me about your products? Are they safe?

All the products we use are registered and approved for use by Health Canada and Alberta Environment. Any product applied to your properties has been thoroughly tested, regulated and is approved for use by the Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). We custom blend control products depending on the time of year, weather influences and property conditions to ensure that your site receives the right application at the right time. After an application, we recommend staying off the treated area until the products are dry (depending on the product, this may range from a couple hours up to 12 hours).

What are the types of control?

Selective control:

- only control a specific range of weeds
- commonly used on turf, roadsides, field areas or pasture land to control weeds without any damage to the turf or native grasses
- these products are broken down further into non-residual and residual
- example non-residual products: 2,4-D, par III, escort
- example residual products: milestone, tordon

Non-selective control:

- control a wide range of grasses / weeds
- commonly used on areas where thorough control of all weeds and grasses are required.
- these products are broken down further into non residual and residual
- example non-residual product: roundup
- example residual product: arsenal, karmex, esplanade

What are noxious weeds?

Weeds that have been identified and determined by municipal or provincial agencies to be noxious or injurious to agricultural or horticulture crops, natural habitats and ecosystems or to humans and livestock. Typically they are plants that grow aggressively and multiply quickly without natural controls and display adverse effects through contact or ingestion. Under provincial laws, noxious weeds must be controlled as maintaining control is important for the health of habitats, livestock, wildlife, native plants and of humans of all ages. Some examples of noxious weeds in Alberta include: Scentless chamomile, Canada thistle, Tansy, Sow thistle and Purple loosestrife.

Why is the application solution sometimes blue?

To assist the applicators in defining the areas that they have treated, a blue/green dye is added to the solution. The dye is a non-toxic colorant that fades in sunshine or is washed off by a light rain. The product is non-corrosive, non-toxic and the effect is short lived.

Do the applicators have to wear respirators?

The use of respirators depends strictly on the type of product they are using. The product label identifies if a respirator is required or not.

When is the best time to treat weeds or vegetation?

That depends on the type of weed or vegetation. Sometimes you can treat before any growth is evident with a pre-emergent product or you may have to wait until there is growth to ensure the effectiveness of the product.

What are the benefits of controlling weeds and vegetation?

The benefits are numerous and depend on the type of site or area. Safety based benefits can range from: reducing slip/trip hazards, fire prevention, maintaining visual sight lines and the reduction of wildlife encroachment. Economic based benefits can range from: increased productivity and land usage, increased land value and reduced weed complaints or infractions through compliance with provincial regulations.

How long before I see results and how long is the control?

Depending on the product, control can be evident in as little as a few hours, but most products take a few days to start to see the effectiveness of the application. Generally we recommend waiting for at least 10 to 14 days to see the full effect of control.

- Non-residual products – the control will take care of all existing weed or vegetative growth, but will not prevent new growth
- Residual products – the control will take care of all existing and new weed or vegetative growth for the balance of the season

Additional services?

We work with a number of contractors who provide, regular lawn maintenance, rough cutting, landscape design/construction, pruning, irrigation, tree spraying, landscape products, nursery stock and much more. Just call the office we'll be happy to give you the names of some contractors who can assist you.

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