



## Policy Name

Dust Control Policy (Rural) Road

## Policy Number

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## Policy Statement

Unabated dust from gravel roads may pose health, safety, nuisance concerns and also contributes to elevated annual road maintenance costs. Therefore; Brazeau County undertakes annual dust abatement and control program on rural roads, under the following conditions.

- 1) Dust Control services will be provided on a cost share basis upon request from individual ratepayers. This policy does not apply to Country Residential Subdivisions or Hamlets. ( Method 1) OR
- 2) Dust Control product may be graded into the top 3" to 4" inches of a road on annual or bi-annual bases at a cost to the County based on the criteria listed below. (Method 2)

Note: Decision to apply dust control using either Method 1 or Method 2 is independent of the completion of new road construction and will follow the criteria listed below.

## Policy

### Method 1

1. Brazeau County rural residents are recognized as those not located in a hamlet or country residential subdivision.
2. Approximately 200 metres (standard application length) of dust control agents may be applied to:
  - a) Any road or part thereof, designated by the Director of Public Works and Infrastructure as a maintenance enhancement or stabilization effort– no charge.
  - b) County roads fronting community centres and active cemeteries – no charge

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- c) Adjacent to the road approach/driveway of County residents (except within Country Residential Subdivisions) upon the payment of the required fee and completion of an application form. Dust control application will only be applied on roads adjacent to the applicant's road approach/driveway.
  - d) Brazeau County will determine the placement of the product adjacent to the resident's road approach/driveway.
  - e) Where residents' approach/driveways are in close proximity to one another, the 200 metres (standard application length) of dust control will be applied so that there is no overlap, resulting in each resident receiving the full 200 meter application. Provided that the placement of the product remains on a road adjacent to the residents' property.
  - f) Where two dust control sections end within 50 metres of each other, the County will join the two sections with dust control product.
  - g) Where the applicant's residence is within 100 metres of a developed intersection they may apply for two (2) 200 metre applications; one on the range road and one on the township road.
3. All applicants in clause (c) above shall be subject to a fee as set annually in the Schedule of Fees.
  4. The Municipality will maintain these control spots at their discretion. Should an applicant(s) wish to have a second and/or third application before the municipality deems it justified, the applicant(s) will pay as per Schedule of Fees.
  5. Individuals requesting extended lengths in excess of 200 metres, shall pay the full cost of the service for the additional length. This amount will be set annually in the Schedule of Fees based on product cost. Extended lengths must be continuous with the original 200 metres of applied product.
  6. The County will advertise that applications for dust control are being accepted. The dust control season shall be between May 1 and September 30 of each year.
  7. The County does not guarantee that the dust control agent will be effective for the purpose intended, that being control not elimination. Once the agent has been applied no refund of the application fee will be considered.

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8. Fees and application forms are required for each individual application of dust control products. This must be done annually.
9. Commercial and industrial applicants will be responsible for the full cost of the dust control.
10. The dust control agent shall be an approved dust control product, which meets current environmental standards at the discretion of the municipality.
11. Brazeau County will accept applications and payments from third parties on behalf of residents (i.e. oil company, neighbours).
12. For those Brazeau County residents with approaches onto neighbouring municipalities, the resident may apply to Brazeau County for dust control and pay the rate as set in the Schedule of Fees. Brazeau County may then, on behalf of the resident, contact the said neighbouring municipality and request dust control under their program. Brazeau County may incur additional costs as invoiced from the neighbouring municipality for the application of the dust control. Brazeau County will not apply product on any road that is not within Brazeau County's jurisdiction.

## Method 2

Public Works and Infrastructure, based on the following criteria or at the discretions of the Director of Public Works and Infrastructure or his designate, will determine such roads, including local, collector and arterial that may require annual or occasional application of dust control product.

### Dust Control Application Criteria:

1. Traffic Volumes which exceed an average of 100 vehicles/day.
2. Truck traffic that exceeds 50% of the daily traffic average.
3. Political will, or as directed by Council.
4. Where industry and commodity demand it.
5. To accommodate temporary changes to road use and activity.
6. Where industry requests it and pays the residential fee.

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