



Clubroot Policy

PURPOSE

To prevent the establishment of and to limit the spread of clubroot on lands within Vulcan County and to enforce the Agricultural Pest Act thus fulfilling the duties of the legislation enacted on lands in the County. The County is committed to fulfilling its duties under the Agricultural Pest Act 10(1) "The local authority of a municipality shall appoint a sufficient number of inspectors to carry out this Act and the regulations within the municipality.

DEFINITION

"Clubroot of Canola or Plasamodiophora brassicae" means a pathogen that infects the roots of canola and causes galls to form, that then restrict the flow of water and nutrients to the plant.

PROCEDURE

1. Random inspections will be conducted by inspectors appointed by Vulcan County. Fields will be inspected with practices to avoid the spread of clubroot.
2. If inspectors suspect clubroot is present in a field, it will be confirmed by an approved laboratory test.
3. If a field is verified to have clubroot by a laboratory test the landowner will be notified in person or by telephone by an Agricultural Service Board employee. A Clubroot Pest Notice will be issued to the landowner of that field.
4. The Clubroot Pest Notice will include the following directions: No seeding of canola or other cruciferous crops including but not limited to mustard, cabbage, kale, cauliflower, broccoli, Brussel sprouts, turnips, or radishes for the next three years. The growing of canola, mustard, or other susceptible crop shall be limited to once (1) in four (4) years. Within the one (1) in four (4) year rotation only a registered clubroot resistant variety may be grown.

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5. Adjacent landowners to the affected property shall be notified in writing that clubroot is present.
6. If a host crop is sown on land that has been verified positive for Clubroot and a notice has been issued on this property restricting the growth of host crops, the host crop shall be destroyed.
7. Landowners and occupants of clubroot positive land will be responsible for following the best practices set out in the Alberta Clubroot Management Plan (ACMP).
8. All equipment belonging to Vulcan County will be thoroughly pressure-washed before renting out to the next landowner or occupant.