

**KITSAP COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**PROPERTY OWNER VEGETATION MAINTENANCE
POLICY**

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PW 15.50.01 POL – This policy applies to any property owner that desires to maintain the vegetation within the County-owned right-of-way

1.0 References

- 1.1 [KCPW Form 2028 Vegetation Management Program](#)
- 1.2 [KCPW Vegetation Management Owner Will Maintain Agreement](#)
- 1.3 [PW 15.50.01 PRO Adjacent Property Owner Maintained Vegetation Management](#)

2.0 The Property Owner Understands the County’s Vegetation Management Program

- 2.1 Reference 1.1 describes the vegetation management program and contains a provision that allows residents to maintain rights-of-way adjacent to their property.
- 2.2 Residents must review reference 1.1 to ensure their maintenance of the rights-of-way is consistent with the County’s vegetation management program.
- 2.3 All designated noxious weeds must be removed from the right-of-way. If noxious weeds are not maintained by the resident the County reserves the right to remove them with herbicide spot treatments or manually.

3.0 The Property Owner is Required to Submit a Maintenance Agreement Every Five Years

- 3.1 Residents must complete and submit reference 1.2 every five (5) years.
- 3.2 Residents must comply with all provisions in reference 1.3.

4.0 The Property Owner Has Other Specific Responsibilities

- 4.1 The owner installs and maintains signs in accordance with reference 1.2.
- 4.2 The owner is responsible for disposing of all trimmings and yard waste created by managing vegetation in the right-of-way.

5.0 The County Resumes Maintenance Responsibility if the Property Owner Fails to Maintain Vegetation Properly

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- 5.1** If the County receives notification that the right-of-way is not being properly maintained the County will resume maintenance after:
 - 5.1.1** Notifying the resident of the maintenance concern.
 - 5.1.2** Allowing 15 days for the resident to respond per reference 1.1.
- 5.2** When the County resumes maintenance of the right-of-way it will be maintained in accordance with the provisions of reference 1.1.
- 5.3** All designated noxious weeds must be removed from the right of way. If noxious weeds are not maintained the County reserves the right to remove them through herbicide spot treatments or manually. Help in identifying noxious weeds is available online at this location:
<https://extension.wsu.edu/kitsap/nrs/noxious/>

Change Record: 2/8/2013 Original adoption
2/17/2016 NSRD, no changes
2/14/2019 fixed noxious weed link/LA
5/16/2019 NSRD, edited and updated links – MF
7/15/2021 NSRD, updated links/LA