

YELLOWHEAD COUNTY
COUNCIL POLICY AND PROCEDURE
PEST CONTROL POLICY

Policy Statement

Yellowhead County residents can access information about the variety of insects, diseases and animals that can interfere with an Agricultural Operation.

Objective

Yellowhead County A.S.B. will work with Alberta Agriculture on surveys and field tests for various pests as their levels require.

All control work shall be done in accordance with the Wildlife Act and the Agricultural Pest Control Act.

Guidelines

1. Pest Control information will be available to all residents in Yellowhead County.
2. Inspections of agricultural operations done by the Agricultural Fieldman will be used as an information transfer to inform the residents most likely to be affected.
3. Alberta Agriculture will process and evaluate the survey data to determine the level of concern. The results will be transferred to the County for dissemination out to County residents.
4. The list of Agricultural Pests includes but is not limited to: Scavenger Bird Control (e.g. Ravens, Crows, Magpies), Grasshoppers, Lygus Bugs, Warble Flies, Black Leg of Canola, Canola Root Maggot, Coyotes, Richardson Ground Squirrels (Gophers) and Norway Rats.
5. **Specific guidelines for Coyote control are as follows:**
 - a. Control work shall be provided on a first come, first serve basis.
 - b. If toxicants are to be used, the proper forms supplied by Alberta Agriculture, Food & Rural Development shall be completed in full and signed by the landowner/lessee.
 - c. Toxicant Stock Record forms shall be filled out before any toxicants are removed from storage.
 - d. All toxicants to be used for control work shall be set according to Government Regulations (i.e. Pest Control Act, Wildlife Act, etc.)

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- e. The Agricultural Fieldman shall hold a valid Form 6 Permit under the Agricultural Pests Act.
- f. The Agricultural Fieldman, will instruct the resident in toxicant use. The resident will be expected to set out and supervise toxicant sets.
- g. Target and/or non-target species taken from poison baits as well as poison baits not totally consumed shall be picked up and buried by the complainant.
- h. The Agricultural Fieldman shall discuss prevention, control techniques, and management strategies with the resident.
- i. The Agricultural Fieldman will not place the poison or fire a firearm on private land.
- j. The Agricultural Fieldman may refuse to issue toxicants if in the opinion of the inspector the resident is not showing good stewardship through:
 - (i) Use of alternative methods of predator control through fencing, snaring or the use of dogs.
 - (ii) Adequate safety or management of the toxicant.
- k. Resident requesting toxicants shall be charged a fee of \$25.00 plus G.S.T. inspections and tablet delivery beginning June 01st, 1999.
- l. Resident will be provided a maximum of six (6) tablets per visit or a total of twenty four (24) tablets per year.

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