

<p align="center"><b>Flagstaff County Municipal Policy Handbook</b></p>	<p><b>Code: AG 003</b> <b>Title: Beaver Control</b></p>
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**Beaver Control:** Flagstaff County will provide beaver damage control for its ratepayers.

1. Explosives:

- (1) A charge of \$75 per beaver complaint per ratepayer will be levied by the Agricultural Service Board, for which a receipt will be issued.
  - a) The above fee will be charged once per year, per ratepayer.
- (2) Non-ratepayers will be charged for manpower and materials, per beaver complaint.
- (3) Prior to beaver damage control, permission must be obtained from the landowner for entry onto the property.
- (4) When removing beaver dams, discretion must be used in instances where the water released may adversely affect land downstream.
- (5) Explosives may only be handled by a person with a beaver dam control blasting permit and this person must always have an assistant present for safety reasons.

2. Trapping:

- (1) Flagstaff County, will obtain a blanket damage permit for muskrat removal from Alberta Fish & Wildlife.
  - a) Muskrats will only be trapped in areas where they are plugging culverts and borrowing into road banks.
- (2) Flagstaff County, will trap beaver only in problem areas where the structure of the road bed is affected or when the blockage of culverts threatens farmland and residences.