

**Procedure 2.AG Pest Control**

**Purpose** To allow the County of Stettler No. 6 to set procedures regarding pest control with its boundaries.

**Statement  
Beaver Control:**

1. No beaver trapping by the Beaver Control Service will start before April 1 in any year.
2. Farmers may request the services of the Beaver Control Service to trap beavers on private property, with the following conditions:
  - a) A fifty-dollar (\$50.00) fee will be required, and is payable at the County Office, before any beaver control is carried out.
  - b) On private property, the Beaver Control Service is responsible to the Agricultural Fieldman.  
(Private property means any water body or water course that does not adjoin a developed Road Allowance).
  - c) All beavers are to be removed from the location at the time. Should beavers move into the same location at a later date, an additional fee will be required.

**General Pest Control – Traps, Baits, Snares, Other Devices:**

1. Skunk and magpie traps are available to County residents at no charge although a \$25.00 deposit is required. Residents must pick up the trap at the County office and sign for it. Traps are available for a period up to two weeks, after which traps must be returned to the County office in good condition.
2. Issuance of all poison baits, snares, or other restricted devices will be limited to landowners who have livestock predation loss or damage within the last thirty (30) days, as verified by an authorized Pest Control Officer.
3. Issuance of snares will normally be limited to the non-pelting season, except in situations or verified predation losses where other control methods are unsuccessful.
4. Issuance of devices will be in accordance with restrictions and limitations as set out in the Coyote Predation Control Procedure of Alberta Agriculture dated December 10, 1999.
5. Due to inherent hazards, M44 devices will be placed by County Staff named on a Form 7 Permit only.

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