

# **Pest Control Policy**

**RM of Blaine Lake #434**

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Poison Control Centre phone line 1(866)454-1212 or 211.

**Purpose:**

This policy is intended to regulate and control the safe use, distribution and handling of pesticides at the RM of Blaine Lake #434 municipal office.

**Definitions:**

"*Animal*" means any animal other than man and includes any bird, fish, amphibian, reptile, invertebrate, insect or animal similar to an insect, wild or domestic or living or dead;

"*Pest Control Officer*" means a certified officer appointed by the council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 for the purpose of this policy, in accordance with *The Pest Control Products (Saskatchewan) Act*; also referred to as "PCO"

"*Pesticide*" means any substance or mixture of substances, designated in the regulations, that is intended, sold or represented for use in preventing, destroying, repelling or mitigating any insect, nematode, rodent, predatory animal, bacteria, fungus, weed or other form of plant or animal life or virus;

"*Richardson Ground Squirrel*" is an animal that is deemed a regulated pest by the Government of Saskatchewan;

"*RM*" means the Rural Municipality of Blaine Lake #434;

"*SARM*" means the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities;

"*SDS*" means Safety Data Sheets;

"*Strychnine*" is an acute hazardous substance used for reducing the Richardson Ground Squirrel population, deemed a regulated pest by the Government of Saskatchewan;

"*Weed Inspector*" means a certified inspector appointed by the council of the RM of Blaine Lake #434 for the purpose of this policy, with powers described in *The Pest Control Products (Saskatchewan) Act*; also referred to as "WI"

"*WHMIS*" means Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System, 2015.

**Policy:**

In addition to applicable legislation, WHMIS, Supplier labels, and SDS's, the RM also follows best practices, guidelines and regulations set forth by SARM, especially where conditional grant funding is available, such as the Invasive Plant Control Program (IPCP) and Rat Control Program (CAP-RCP).

Where the RM is supplying pesticides to RM rate payers and/or RM residents, no person shall:

- (a) use a pesticide for a purpose other than a purpose for which it is represented, sold or supplied;
- (b) use a pesticide in a manner other than prescribed;
- (c) dispose of any pesticide or mixture containing a pesticide;
- (d) bury, decontaminate, burn or otherwise dispose of any container that has been used to hold a pesticide; except at a site prescribed in a manner recommended by the manufacturer;
- (e) apply a pesticide to any open body of water or to its banks;
- (f) store or keep a pesticide in a manner that does not comply with The Pest Control Products Regulations, 2015 and/or the Supplier Label and/or SDS;
- (g) sell or offer to apply or sell a pesticide that was obtained from the RM, with the exception of pesticides being used or applied by the certified PCO or WI.

## **Procedure:**

### ***Poison Control Center Application Process***

Call the phone line 1(866)454-1212 or 211. You will receive immediate assessment and treatment recommendations for poison and chemical emergencies by specially-trained poison experts. The Poison Control Centre is also known as PADIS, or the Poison and Drug Information Service, and their hours of operation are 24/7.

### ***Pest Control Support Options***

There are different methods of controlling pests within the RM:

- (1) Purchase of Strychnine at the RM Administration office, for the purpose of controlling the Richardson's Ground Squirrel;
- (2) Providing of rodenticides at the RM Administration office, for purchase or no charge (depending on the item);
- (3) Contacting the WI either directly or through the RM Administration office for queries or to report Noxious or Prohibited weeds within the RM;
- (4) Contacting the PCO either directly or through the RM Administration office for queries or to report Rat Infestations;
- (5) The RM also participates in the SARM Beaver Control Program, which is not addressed in this policy; please contact the RM Administration office for more details regarding the Beaver Control Policy.

### ***Dispensing Pesticides at the RM Administration Office***

- Under the supervision of the RM Administrator, employees may dispense pesticides and accessories (ie. rat traps) from the RM Administration office;
    - WHMIS and SDS training must be provided to the employee prior to dispensing.
    - Employees must review the SDS annually.
    - Employees dispensing must be at least 18 years of age.
    - Proper PPE must be utilized by the employee dispensing pesticides.
    - Storage of pesticides at the RM office must be compliant with all applicable rules and regulations.
    - Where there is a cost involved with dispensing the pesticides and accessories to the RM resident or ratepayer, full payment must be received before the product will be dispensed.
    - Pregnant female employees will be prohibited in dispensing any pesticides.
    - Only employees are allowed in the area where pesticides are stored.
  - Record keeping/Inventory of the dispensed pesticides must include:
    - All pesticides sold by him or her are to be indicated on the receipt, and must include:
      - (1) the common name of the active ingredient of each pesticide sold, as indicated by the guarantee on its label; and
      - (2) the quantity by weight or volume of each pesticide sold; and
      - (3) a copy of the SDS if the Manufacturer label is insufficient.
    - In addition to the above, Strychnine requires two (2) documents to be completed by the resident/ratepayer purchasing the product:
      - (1) The Purchase Agreement Form, at the time of purchase;
      - (2) The Product Evaluation Form, completed and returned to the RM Administration office within 21 days after placing the bait.
- Should these two (2) documents not be completed, Strychnine will not be provided to the purchaser. It is recommended that Strychnine Bait should be applied in the early spring, when there is no green vegetation and bait shyness is not prevalent.

- Strychnine will be limited to a maximum of six (6) bottles per transaction; once the above-mentioned documentation has been properly completed and received at the RM Admin office, the process will begin again.
- Other pesticides being provided at no charge to the RM ratepayer or resident will be limited to one (1) container per year. Anyone needing more quantities than this will require the RM Administration office to contact the PCO for an approval. This may be granted with or without a site inspection by the PCO.
- Any pesticides being dispensed at the RM Administration office will only be supplied to RM ratepayers and/or RM residents, for use within the RM boundaries.

**References/For More or Information, please visit:**

The Pest Control Products (Saskatchewan) Act

The Pest Control Products Regulations, 2015

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Saskatchewan.ca/crops - Integrated Pest Management for Richardson Ground Squirrels

The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010

The Hazardous Substances and Waste Dangerous Goods Regulations