



Rural Municipality of
Wheatlands
No. 163

BYLAW NO. 03-2026

PEST CONTROL BYLAW

A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTROL AND DESTRUCTION OF PESTS

The Council of the Rural Municipality of Wheatlands No. 163 in the Province of Saskatchewan enacts as follows pursuant to *The Plant Health Act, 2023*.

1. In this Bylaw:
 - a. "Municipality" shall mean the Rural Municipality of Wheatlands No. 163;
 - b. "Pest Control Officer" shall mean an authorized person appointed or employed by the municipality;
 - c. "control" shall mean subject to regulations, any measures taken to control, destroy or prevent the spread of pests;
 - d. "owner" shall mean a ratepayer, resident or organization who owns, occupies or controls any land in the municipality and who is assessed for taxation purposes;
 - e. "pest" shall mean any insect, animal, plant or disease that is declared by the minister to be a pest in *The Plant Health Act, 2023*.
2. The Municipality is authorized to purchase, keep on hand and distribute pest control products in quantities deemed sufficient for the destruction of pests in the Municipality.
3. The Municipality and owner shall not store or keep pest control products that do not comply with *The Pest Control Products Regulations, 2015*.
4. The Municipality may supply approved pest control products to owners, subject to availability and applicable legislation.
 - a. Gopher Control Products:

Pest control products for the control of gophers shall be provided on a **cost-recovery basis**, with the purchase price established by the Municipality. *For greater certainty, this provision does not include strychnine products, which shall be distributed only in accordance with applicable federal and provincial legislation, regulations and stewardship program requirements.*
 - b. Mouse and Rat Control Products:

Small quantities of approved mouse and rat control products may be provided to owners at **no charge**, at the discretion of the Municipality and subject to product availability.
5. The Municipality is authorized to appoint or employ a person or persons as Pest Control Officers.

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6. The persons appointed or employed as Pest Control Officers shall have the authority and responsibilities of the officers as described in *The Plant Health Act, 2023*, including the recording and reporting of pests.
7. If a Pest Control Officer determines a pest is present in all or any part of any land, the Pest Control Officer:
 - a. Shall consult with the owner;
 - b. May enter into an agreement with the owner to destroy, control and prevent the spread of any pest; and
 - c. May immediately issue an order without obtaining an agreement with an owner if the Pest Control Officer is unable to contact an owner or, is of the opinion that immediate action is required to prevent the spread of a pest.
8. Every owner shall:
 - a. Take measures to control, destroy and prevent the spread of a pest on any land or other premises owned or occupied by that person or organization;
 - b. Notify any occupants, within 5 business days after its detection, of the presence of any pest on that land;
 - c. Notify the Municipality or Pest Control Officer for the Municipality in which the land is located, within 5 business days after its detection, of the presence of any pest on that land;
 - d. Notify all persons who have access to that land for the purposes of conducting any work on the land or any other prescribed person who has access to that land, of the presence of a pest on that land; and
 - e. Comply with any order of a Pest Control Officer or with the terms of an agreement entered into respecting the owner's land.
9. Every occupant shall:
 - a. Notify the owner, within 5 business days after its detection, of the presence of a pest on that land;
 - b. Notify the Municipality or Pest Control Officer for the Municipality in which the land is located within 5 business after its detection, of the presence of any pest on that land;
 - c. Notify all persons who have access to that land for the purposes of conducting any work on the land or any other prescribed person who has access to that land, of the presence of a pest on that land; and
 - d. Comply with any order of a Pest Control Officer or with the terms of an agreement entered into respecting the land on which the person is an occupant
10. Bylaw No. 45 is hereby repealed.

Coming Into Force

This bylaw shall come into force on August 12, 2026.

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Read a third time and adopted
this 12th day of AUGUST, 2026

Melde
Administrator

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Reeve

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Administrator

Certified to be a true copy of Bylaw
No. 04-2026 adopted by resolution
of Council for the Rural Municipality
of Wheatlands, No. 163 this 12th
of AUGUST, 20 26
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CAO/Administrator

