

# SMOKY LAKE COUNTY



<b>Title:</b> Sale of 2% Liquid Strychnine	<b>Policy No.:</b> 24-01
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<b>Legislation Reference:</b>	The Agricultural Pest Act of Alberta
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<b>Purpose:</b>	The purpose of this policy is to set out procedures for the distribution of 2% liquid strychnine to farmers and ranchers within Smoky Lake County.
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## Policy Statement and Guidelines:

- 1. STATEMENT:**
  - 1.1 Smoky Lake County Agricultural Service Board acknowledges the need for a Richardson Ground squirrel control product to be readily available to agricultural producers.
  
- 2. DEFINITION:**
  - 2.1 "**Strychnine**" means poison in a 250 ml bottle containing 2% concentrated Strychnine in liquid form.
  - 2.2 "**Agricultural Producer**" means having direct control over agricultural land that you, yourself are farming or ranching. Must have Alberta Farm Fuel Benefit Number.
  
- 3. GUIDELINE:**
  - 3.1 Agricultural Services staff that are licensed (Pesticide Applicators License) and trained in the use and distribution of 2% liquid strychnine will only be allowed to distribute the product.
  - 3.2 Strychnine will be sold at cost recovery to Smoky Lake County.
  - 3.3 No more than 2 cases of 2% liquid strychnine will be distributed to one agricultural producer.
    - 3.3.1 The distribution to each agricultural Producer shall be documented with the form in **Schedule "A": Sale of 2% Liquid Strychnine Agricultural Producer Sign-Off.**
  
- 4. PROCEDURE:**
  - 4.1 All of the regulations set forth by Alberta Agriculture are to be considered the minimum standards. Agricultural Services staff reserve the right to refuse this service to any farmer they feel will abuse the program or use this product outside of the label requirements.

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<b>Policy Statement and Guidelines:</b>	
4.2	No product will be sold to acreage owners, residents of rural subdivisions or residents of urban centers unless they can prove they are an owner/ operator of an agricultural operation.
4.3	The product will not be sold by municipal staff after June 30 <sup>th</sup> of the calendar year.

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SCHEDULE "A"

Sale of 2% Liquid Strychnine Agricultural Producer Sign-Off

2% Strychnine for the control of Richardson Ground Squirrels

Action and Economic Threshold is 20% crop damage within a 100 meter strip.

Precautions must be taken when using this product.

- Wear long sleeved shirt and pants
- Chemical resistant gloves
- Eye protection ( goggles)
- All treated grain and poisoned carcasses exposed on soil surface must be collected and disposed of by incineration or burial in a pit no less than 46 cm (approximately 18 inches) deep and then covered to prevent non-target poisonings.
- **DO NOT SCATTER BAIT ABOVE THE BURROW!**
- Following application burrow entrance is to be covered up.
- All unopened, empty or partially empty concentrate bottles must be locked and stored away from food or feed.

DO NOT APPLY THIS PRODUCT IF THE BURROWING OWL, SWIFT FOX OR OTHER SPECIES AT RISK THAT MAY FEED ON STRYCHNINE BAIT OR GROUND SQUIRRELS ARE PRESENT IN YOUR AREA.

I, the undersigned landholder, acknowledge that I purchased the above product with MSDS, label instructions and important label points and, that I agree to transport, store, use and dispose of the bait in accordance with the label/MSDS instructions provided. I also certify that I am a "bona fide Farmer" or commercial agriculturalist as required under Section 18(v) of the Pesticide (ministerial) Regulations.

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Print Name

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Date

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Signature

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Signature of Inspector