



R.M. OF LUMSDEN No. 189

POLICY

Title: Pest Control Product Issuance Policy

Effective: February 19, 2026 (Res. No. 2026-086)

Amended:

1. Purpose

To establish clear guidelines for the issuance, use, and tracking of pest control products provided by the Municipality for the management of rats and mice.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all residents, ratepayers, and authorized users who request pest control products through the Municipal Office or the Pest Control Officer (PCO).

3. Allotted Quantities

- a) The Municipality will provide each ratepayer with an annual allotment of pest control product for rats and mice at no charge.
- b) If a ratepayer requires additional product beyond the allotted amount, they may purchase the extra quantity at their cost.
- c) The annual allotment of pest control products is as follows:
 - 3 Boxes of Ratak
 - 8 Bags of Warfarin
 - 20 Blocks of Weatherblok
 - Combination as approved by the Public Works Foreman.

4. Infestation Protocol

- a) If a ratepayer suspects a rat or mouse infestation, they must contact the Pest Control Officer (PCO) appointed by the Municipality for an assessment.
- b) The PCO will conduct an inspection to verify the presence and extent of the infestation.
- c) If an infestation is confirmed, the PCO may authorize additional pest control product at no charge to the ratepayer.
- d) The amount issued will be based on the severity of the infestation and the PCO's professional judgment.

5. Responsibilities

Pest Control Officer (PC):

- Conducts inspections when infestations are reported by the Municipality.
- Determines whether additional product is warranted at no cost.
- Maintains records of all products issued.
- Provides guidance on safe handling and placement of pest control products and any other measures to mitigate the infestation.

Municipal Office Staff:

- Refer suspected infestations to the PCO.
- Accept payment for additional pest control products, above the annual allotment.

Public Works Foreman:

- Issue allotted quantities to ratepayers.
- Track product distribution.
- Maintain an inventory of pest control products for distribution.

Ratepayers:

- Use pest control products responsibly and according to instructions.
- Report suspected infestations promptly.
- Pay for any product requested beyond their free allotment unless additional product is authorized due to a confirmed infestation.

6. Safety Requirements

- Products must be used in accordance with applicable provincial regulations and manufacturer directions.
- Bait stations and poison must be placed in a manner that prevents access by pets, children, and non-target wildlife.
- Improper use may result in restrictions on future issuance.

7. Review

This policy will be reviewed every three years or as required by legislative changes or operational needs.