

# RM OF COALFIELDS No. 4

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Dear Rate Payer:

## **RE: Spraying for Noxious Weeds & the Invasive Plant Control Program**

This letter is written to provide information regarding spraying for noxious weeds and participation in the Invasive Plant Control Program (IPCP) that is administered by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM). Under the IPCP, private land owners can apply through their local RM to have up to 50% of the cost of pre-approved eligible herbicides rebated. We had hoped to send this information out much earlier; however, we were waiting for SARM to develop the claim forms so that all of the information could be sent out together. As you can see from the information received from SARM last week, the claim forms are not completed and will have to be sent out later or printed from the SARM website when they are available.

The following information has been provided by SARM:

The IPCP claims forms are not completed at this time. There will be one claim form for Prohibited weeds and one claim form for Noxious weeds for use by all participants whether they are RM, producer or FNB. I attached the Herbicide Application Record that shows all of the information that must be kept when someone applies herbicides. The information from these forms can easily be transferred to the claim forms once they are completed.

The only restrictions to the Producer claims would be that the RM must have a Weed Inspector appointed for 2018. If there is no Weed Inspector appointed then we cannot accept claims from anyone within the RM. There is no distinction between public or private lands anymore. All claimants are eligible to receive up to 50% of eligible costs – no more than 50% will be paid to anyone (RMs/FNBs or producers). All claim forms must be signed by the RM Administrator and sent to SARM with supporting documents by the October 31 deadline.

I have attached the Schedule A that outlines the prohibited and noxious weeds eligible under the program. This document also shows the eligible herbicides to treat those specific noxious weeds. If a different herbicide is used, one not registered for those weeds, the program cannot rebate for it. The Ministry has even provided the information for proper mixing and applications to assist.

Program Guidelines are also attached for your reference. The RM Weed Inspector should be able to assist producers in their weed management and the overall management within the RM.

I hope that provides some more information for you to share with council and ratepayers regarding the program. Please keep checking the [SARM website](#) for the completed claim forms to be posted. All Ag program information on the SARM website is open to the public so you can certainly share that with any producer interested in this program.

The SARM website is as follows: <https://sarm.ca/programs/administered-programs/ag-programs/cap-ipc>

The Weed Inspector for the RM of Coalfields is Don Seipp (306) 421-1876. Mr. Seipp is very knowledgeable regarding various weeds and infestations and he will be able to answer any weed or herbicide-related questions you might have.

Enclosed with this letter are the following documents that are referenced in the SARM information on the preceding page:

- Herbicide Application Record
- Invasive Plant Control Program – Program Guidelines 2018-2019
- Schedule A – Herbicides permitted for use under the Invasive Plant Control Program 2018-10

Landowners can apply herbicides on their own land without having to have a Pesticide Applicators License. As per the Program Guidelines for “noxious weeds”, which is what we have in our area, the rebate is for up to 50% of the cost of pre-approved eligible herbicides – it does not include application costs. The primary noxious weeds found in our RM are leafy spurge and absinth.

If you have any questions or require any additional information in this regard, you can contact the RM Office or the RM Weed Inspector, Don Seipp, (306) 421-1876.

Thank You.

Sincerely,



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