

# MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF BIG LAKES

<b>TITLE:</b>	<b>Grasshopper Control Policy</b>
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<b>POLICY NO.</b>	<b>ASB-06</b>
<b>LEGAL AUTHORITY:</b>	<b>Agricultural Pest Act</b>

## POLICY STATEMENT

The Municipal District of Big Lakes (MD) recognizes the need to provide guidelines for authorizing and allowing landholders to control grasshoppers on MD road rights-of-way and to compensate for their control efforts. This policy provides such guidelines.

## POLICY

1. The MD shall permit landowners (or occupants) to perform grasshopper control on MD road right of ways adjacent to their lands.
2. The MD will compensate landholders for the application of commercial grasshopper control product (bran bait) on the MD road right of way, with the requirement that applications are performed in accordance with label directions.
3. The landholder shall be eligible for compensation in the form of supplied control product (grasshopper bait) for application on the MD road right of way directly adjacent to their lands. The opposite side road allowance ditch may also be treated and is eligible for similar compensation provided the landholder obtains written permission from the neighboring landholder.
4. Landholders shall be eligible for compensation in the form of supplied control product, provided the application period falls between May 15 and August 15 of the current calendar year.
5. Landholders individually shall be limited to a product compensation, where the value shall not exceed five hundred (\$500) dollars for any calendar year.
6. The landholder shall supply a map to the M.D. indicating the intended roadside application areas, before the landowner will be eligible for product compensation.
7. The MD may perform inspections to verify that the landholder has complied with the conditions for compensation.
8. Failure to meet the above conditions may result in the landholder being disqualified from receiving future product compensation.

## Multiple Applications and Compensation

The MD recognizes that due to the biology of grasshoppers and weather related occurrences, additional grasshopper control product applications may be required on the same road right-of-way sections during the same growing season. Additional compensation in the form of application equipment and control product may be allowed under the same conditions as the first application, with the combined compensation limited to a maximum product value of five hundred (\$500) dollars in the current calendar year.

## Rental Equipment Compensation

The MD shall compensate the landholder for their rental application equipment costs in the amount equivalent to one day's rental.

## Requests for Service—Municipal Public Lands

1. The MD will accept written requests to perform grasshopper control on MD road right of way ditches or licensed drainage ditches adjacent to the property of a landholder who has submitted a written request. Costs for this control work shall be the responsibility of the M.D. Requests shall be honored under the following conditions:
  - a.) Suitable weather and environmental conditions allow for safe and effective application of grasshopper control product.
  - b.) The intended control areas are free of standing or moving water.
  - c.) The written request is received between May 15 and August 15 of the current calendar year.

  
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Chief Administrative Officer