

**LAMONT COUNTY
POLICY**

- TITLE:** BEAVER DAM FLOOD CONTROL
- AUTHORITY:** AGRICULTURAL SERVICE BOARD
- POLICY STATEMENT:** THE COUNTY WILL MANAGE FLOODING DUE TO BEAVER DAMS ON COUNTY RIGHT-OFWAYS AND HOLDINGS.
- PURPOSE:** TO MANAGE FLOOD WATERS CAUSED BY BEAVER DAMS WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAYS OR COUNTY HOLDINGS.
- POLICY RESOLUTION:** 89-41, 94-43, 95-335, 98-149, 98-193, ASB05-50, ASB07-200
- PROCEDURE:**
1. Beaver dam removal to alleviate flooding will be done on a report basis, coordinated through the Agricultural Fieldsman's office.
 2. Removal of dams and/or beavers shall be done by authorized personnel in accordance with federal and provincial legislation.
 3. Flooding of County ROW's or holdings will be coordinated between the ASB and Public Works departments.
 4. The County will notify appropriate downstream landholders of the intent and approximate date of water release from dam removals. Responses from all those notified must be received by the ASB, with any conditions or objections noted, and returned to the ASB prior to the commencement of any work.
 5. Beaver control for non-flooding (i.e. tree) damage will be referred to Fish & Wildlife.
 6. Dam removal may be done on private land at County expense, by Public Works request, if the dam in question is flooding the right-of-way adjacent to it, or may cause a potential threat to County infrastructure. The County will obtain all necessary easements prior to conducting the dam removal work.

7. Application to have beaver control work done on private land shall be made directly to the Agricultural Fieldman in writing including a sketch of the area where the control work is needed.
8. Applicants will be charged cost recovery for beaver dam blasting done by the County or an agent of the County for private land. Prices will vary depending on the scope of the work performed.
9. Applicants will be charged heavy equipment rates as outlined in the Alberta Road Builders & Heavy Construction Rate Guide for any equipment used to remove the beaver dam by the County or an agent of the County.
10. Applicants requesting private beaver dam removal are required to fill out a *Permission To Enter Upon Lands*, Attachment 1, waiver prior to any control work being done by the County or an agent of the County.
11. Situations involving flooding due to water course obstructions (including Beaver dams), where the landowner harboring the obstruction(s) does not consent to their removal, will be referred to Water Resources Administration Division and/or Fish & Wildlife Division of Alberta Environmental Protection.

LAMONT COUNTY
PERMISSION TO ENTER UPON LANDS

I, _____ of _____
do hereby for myself, my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, grant and assign unto Lamont County, as represented by the Agricultural Service Board, the right to enter by workmen or agents upon the following lands and use such equipment and materials as considered necessary for the removal or destruction of beaver dam(s) on the land.

Legal Land Description: _____

I hereby agree to waive, in consideration of the benefit derived by me from the work as described above, any right, cause of action or other claim which I may have against Lamont County, its employees or agents arising out of anything done or not done in the performance of the described work.

Condition(s) if any:

IN WITNESS WHERE OF I have here unto subscribed my name this _____ day of _____, A.D., 20____.

In the Presence of: _____)
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Witness

This information is collected under the authority of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, S.32(c), for the purpose of conducting beaver dam flood control as described in Lamont County Policy 6070. Any beaver dam flood control information issued pursuant to this waiver, or any information related thereto, is not confidential information and may be released by the County. Any questions about the collection of this information may be directed to the County Manager at (780) 895-2233.