

Invasive Plant Control Program (IPCP) Guidelines for 2016-17

Purpose of the Program:

Early Detection and Rapid Response (EDRR) is the first line of defense to identify, assess, and respond to invasive plant species. This program assists rural municipalities (RMs), First Nations Bands (FNBs), and through RMs, Producers and Other Stakeholders with costs to undertake and coordinate the control of Prohibited Weeds as well as specific Noxious Weeds that are persistent and problematic invasive plants.

Background:

The Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities (SARM) administers the Invasive Plant Control Program on behalf of the Province of Saskatchewan. Funding of \$800,000 for the program is provided by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Federal Government under *Growing Forward 2*.

Program Outline:

The program will provide rebates for the cost of approved herbicides to control specific invasive plants as part of an approved Weed Management Plan (WMP).

- The program will rebate 100% of approved herbicide costs to RMs, FNBs, or through RMs to Producers and Other Stakeholders for the control of weeds, *in any location – public or private*, designated as **Prohibited Weeds** under *The Weed Control Act* (see **Schedule A**).
- For the control of Noxious Weeds approved under the current program (*Leafy Spurge, Russian Knapweed, Common Tansy, Yellow Toadflax, Absinthe, Field Bindweed, Common Burdock, Bladder Champion, Ox-eye Daisy, Black Henbane, Hoary Cress and Wild Parsnip*)
 - a rebate of up to 100% of approved herbicide costs on public lands;
 - a rebate of up to 50% of approved herbicide costs on private lands.

Key Dates:

To participate in the 2016-17 IPCP, the following documents MUST be provided to SARM by the dates shown:

- **July 2, 2016:**
 - Copy of current Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA) Agreement (*if applicable*)
 - Copy of current Weed Management Plan (WMP)
 - Copy of letter appointing Weed Inspector for 2016 (*not required for FNBs*)
- **October 31, 2016:**
 - Claim Forms
 - Copy of invoices for the purchase of herbicides used in this program year

No other government grant, rebate, assistance program or payment can be received by the RMs, FNBs, Producers or Other Stakeholders with relation to the expenditures subject to this program. Verification of fulfillment of program requirements may be requested, random audits may be conducted, and information on specific reporting measures may also be requested.



Eligible Applicants to claim directly to SARM:

Rural Municipalities (RMs)

First Nations Bands (FNBs)

Producers/Other Stakeholders to claim through RM:

- Cities/Towns/Villages
- Producers/Private Land owners
- Other government or non-government organizations

“Any “Producer/Other Stakeholder” claim form submitted MUST be signed by the RM Administrator, who will then submit the claim(s) and supporting documents to SARM.”

An RM does not have to submit a claim under the 2016-17 IPCP in order for a Producer/Other Stakeholder to apply. All grant funds will continue to flow from SARM directly to the RM Office.

For more information regarding eligibility and if you will require to be a part of a Cooperative Weed Management Area (CWMA), refer to the SARM website for Definition and FAQs relating to the 2016-17 IPCP.

Weed Management Plans are to be tailored to your specific Saskatchewan Rural Municipality/Rural First Nation Reserve and all weeds species you are attempting to control. This will allow the Ministry of Agriculture to better prioritize the list of weeds that might be included for funding under the IPCP in future years, based on the prevalence in the province.

For questions or assistance in preparing a WMP, please contact **Harvey Anderson**, Invasive Plant Management Coordinator with Saskatchewan Agriculture, at 306.933.7695 or email to handerson@agr.gov.sk.ca.

The use of **iMapInvasives** is encouraged for all of the weed species recording and reporting benefits it can provide, both now and in the future. Visit www.imapinvasives.org/skimi/ to record data and generate the necessary information required for your weed management plans.

- **NOTE:** iMapInvasives is designed to operate using browsers such as *Firefox, Google Chrome, or Safari.*

If you have questions about using the iMapInvasives program please contact **Ahdia Hassan**, Ministry of Environment, at 306.933.6436 or ahdia.hassan@gov.sk.ca.

Herbicide Application Records can be obtained, free of charge, from the SARM Trading Services. Contact Amanda Kozak, Manager of Trading Services, at 306.761.3722 or at akozak@sarm.ca.

For more information on the Invasive Plant Control Program, please visit <http://sarm.ca/programs/administered-programs/invasive-plant> or contact:

Annette Ellert, Programs Manager, at 306.761.3744 or aellert@sarm.ca

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As part of the Growing Forward 2 funding agreement, all records, information, databases, audit and evaluation reports and other documents relating to this program must be retained by the RM/FNB office until March 31, 2024.

