

SARM is pleased to partner with the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture and the Alberta Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation to support the safe implementation of Emergency Use Registration of strychnine in the 2026 and 2027 seasons. Critical information about the strychnine stewardship program, including mandatory training, is provided below.

Strychnine Stewardship Program

The provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan have developed guidelines and requirements pertaining to the access to, use, and application of strychnine to control Richardson's ground squirrels. Completing prescribed training is required as one of the eligibility requirements.

Please review your province's full guidance on strychnine and Richardson's ground squirrels.

- [Saskatchewan Strychnine Stewardship Guidelines](#)
- [Richardson's Ground Squirrel Control](#) (Alberta)

Required Training

One part of the Strychnine Stewardship Program is the completion of **online-only** training for both municipal administrators and producers.

There is training specifically for producers and for rural municipal administrators. Please ensure you complete the training that fits your role, or you may have to retake it. Municipal administrators who are also producers should take the municipal administrator training.

Training Schedule

Access to the Strychnine Stewardship Training for the 2026 season is available from **May 4 to August 1, 2026**.

Reporting Process

After completing the training in full, you will be able to download a certificate of completion. Please retain this for your records and bring it to your RM office.

For producers, two (2) business days after completing the training, your municipality will be able to confirm the completion of your training. There are other eligibility requirements beyond the training that you must complete prior to accessing strychnine. Please see the

Saskatchewan Strychnine Stewardship Guidelines or Alberta's Richardson's Ground Squirrel Control website for further details.

Please wait at least two business days after completing the training before contacting your municipality to begin the process of accessing strychnine.

Registration Process

For instructions on registering for the training, please refer to the guide linked below.

- [2026 Strychnine Stewardship Training Registration Guide](#)

Where to Register

To register for and access the training, please [Click Here](#).

Consent for Release of Information

By registering for the Strychnine Stewardship Training course, you consent to:

- the collection and use of your personal information by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities for the purpose of administering and managing your participation in the Strychnine Stewardship Training course; and
- the disclosure of your personal information to the Saskatchewan Ministry of Agriculture, the Alberta Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, to the municipalities participating in the strychnine stewardship program, and to the designated distributor of Strychnine, for the purposes of confirming your eligibility to participate in the strychnine stewardship program and ensuring regulatory compliance.

Need Help?

For questions about the Richardson's Ground Squirrel Control in Alberta, please contact: asbprogram@gov.ab.ca

For questions about the Strychnine Stewardship Program in Saskatchewan, please contact: rgs@gov.sk.ca

For technical questions about the Strychnine Stewardship Training Program, please contact: learning@sarm.ca