



Norman County Beaver Control Policy
Adopted by the Norman County Board on
October 19, 2017

1. **Purpose:** The purpose of the Norman County Beaver Control Policy is to manage damage caused by beavers to the Norman County drainage system, judicial ditches, county roads, and township roads. Norman County shall only pay a beaver bounty on problem beavers adversely impacting the Norman County drainage system, judicial ditches, a county road right of way, or a township road right of way. Norman County shall not pay a beaver bounty on a beaver only adversely impacting private property.
2. **Process:** Trappers must register with the Norman County Auditor-Treasurer and then be approved as a designated trapper by the Norman County Board of Commissioners to be eligible to receive a beaver bounty.
 - a. **Prior authorization (county)** - Before a trapper removes a nuisance beaver from a County drainage system, judicial ditch, or county road right of way they shall receive prior authorization from either the County Commissioner in whose district the nuisance beaver is located or the County Engineer. If a trapper does not have prior authorization before removing the beaver the bounty will not be paid.
 - b. **Prior authorization (township)** - Before a trapper removes a nuisance beaver from a township road right of way they shall receive authorization from a Township Officer where the nuisance beaver is located. If a trapper does not have authorization before removing the beaver the bounty will not be paid.
3. **Beaver Control Claim Form:**
 - a. A trapper shall present the beaver tail to the County Commissioner, County Engineer, or Township Official who gave prior authorization.
 - b. A trapper shall submit a completed Beaver Control Claim Form to the Norman County Auditor Treasurer when making claim for payment. (see attachment A)
 - c. A beaver bounty can only be authorized by a County Commissioner, Township Officer, or the Norman County Engineer.
4. **Trapper to comply with Minnesota statutes:**
 - a. A trapper shall comply with all Minnesota fish and wildlife statutes and possess a small game license, trapping license, or nuisance beaver permit issued by a DNR Conservation Officer.

- b. A small game license, trapping license, or nuisance beaver permit is not sufficient for payment of a beaver bounty unless the trapper has followed the process outlined in the Norman County Beaver Control Policy.

5. Bounty:

- a. A trapper who is registered with the Norman County Auditor-Treasurer and whom has been designated a trapper by the Norman County Board of Commissioners, shall receive a bounty of \$50 upon the submission of a properly completed Beaver Control Claim Form.

Attachment A

Beaver Control Claim Form

Taken by _____

Small Game License No. _____ Trapping License No. _____

Nuisance Beaver Permit No. _____

I, _____ residing at _____
(Print Name) (Address)

Make the following claim for beaver taken according to the Norman County Beaver Control Policy.

Number taken at this site	Date taken	Location of Site: Township, Range, Section	Type of site: County drainage system, judicial ditches, county road RW, or township road RW	Who provided prior authorization

I hereby certify that I personally took the above beaver for a duly designated predator control area and presented them to the County Commissioner, County Engineer, or Township Official who provided prior authorization. I certify that I have complied with all Minnesota game and fish laws.

Trapper Signature

Date

Signature of Official providing prior authorization