



ANNUAL RAT INSPECTIONS



Pest Control Officers in the County of Vermilion River do annual rat inspections in yards and fields within 18 miles west of the Alberta/Saskatchewan border. Our PCO's are required under Alberta's Agricultural Pests Act to check any areas that could provide potential Norway rat habitat within the Rat Control Zone. These inspections, and management of any rats that they find, are the reason that Alberta is still Rat-Free. Pest Control Officers may enter into your yard, be looking around farm buildings, bale yards, feed bins or grain storage. They may also check grain bags and bale stacks in fields.

CVR staff understand that ratepayers are concerned about people entering yards and farm buildings - after all we live here with you. When the PCO enters your yard, they will first stop at the house and speak to the resident. If no one is home, we will leave a door hanger on the door letting you know they were there and how to contact them with questions. PCOs will be driving an identifiable CVR truck. Look for the CVR logo on the sides and the large white ID numbers on the tailgate. The truck will also have the Alberta Rat Control sign on the side.

PCO's will also be wearing their Rat Control uniform, and a safety vest. They will always be happy to stop and talk to you about what they are looking for and what they are finding, so if they don't find you first, feel free to stop and talk.

The Ag department wants to work with ratepayers - if you would like us to email or call before we come out for an inspection, please let us know that, and the best way to contact you. And, if you live in the Rat Control Zone and need rat bait, you can either talk to the PCO when they are out, or give us a call at the office.



310-RATS
CALL IF YOU SEE A RAT

