

County Drainage Policy #
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BEAVER(S) REMOVAL FROM MARTIN COUNTY DRAINAGE SYSTEMS

POLICY STATEMENT

Martin County's goals in establishing this policy are to have a written set of expectations and protocols concerning the removal of beavers which are building dams causing water flow to stop and flooding land which County Drainage Systems run through.

Landowners must contact the Martin County Drainage Authority and request that the beaver be removed. The Drainage Authority will review the request and determine the appropriate action.

The county will only use licensed trappers that are registered with the county for this process. *The trapper must obtain proper permits and licenses from the DNR Enforcement Agent.* Martin County's Drainage Authority will contact a licensed trapper to have the beaver trapped and removed. **Prior** to payment, the trapper must bring in a GPS point of where they are trapping. Only beaver trapped within a drainage system or within a quarter of a mile from a drainage system outlet will be accepted for the bounty. Once the beaver are trapped, the tails along with the amount trapped for each location must be turned into the Drainage Authority.

The amount that will be paid for the beaver bounty will be \$50.00 each.

Once the beaver(s) has been removed, the dam can be removed with approval of the Drainage Authority. The Drainage Authority or landowner will contact a contractor to remove the dam.

Disclaimer: The Drainage Authority reserves the right to refuse any/or all payments based on the condition of the tails or if the above criteria is not met.