



Weed & Pest Happenings

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Events:

- Board Meetings:
July 11: Little Bear Inn-Cheyenne
Aug 8: Weed & Pest-Pine Bluffs
Sept 5: Little Bear Inn-Cheyenne
- 11th Annual Spray Day:
July 20th 8 a.m. to Noon
Pine Bluffs Office

CLOSED:

July 4, 2019
Independence Day
July 24, 2019
Cheyenne Day @ CFD
September 2, 2019
Labor Day

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What is the 11th Annual Spray Day?

This year will be the 11th Annual Spray Day. So exactly what does that mean and how does it pertain to me?

Every year on the third Saturday in July, "Laramie County residents" can bring their 1-gallon or 2-gallon hand-held sprayers to the Pine Bluffs Weed & Pest Office and have it filled at no charge with herbicide to spray their lawns, alleys and driveways for noxious weeds.

This is our way of thanking the landowners and taxpayers of Laramie County for helping to control noxious weeds on their property.

Please call the Pine Bluffs office at (307) 245-3213 for any assistance with weeds or answers to any questions you may have.

Let's talk about "gophers"

The little critters running around your property are not all "gophers" listed on the State or County designated pest list.

The State designated pests are the Richardson's ground squirrels and Black-tailed prairie dogs. Laramie County's declared pest list only has the Plains pocket gopher on it.

How can we identify them and tell the difference?

The **Richardson's ground squirrel** competes with livestock for forage and can destroy food crops, damage hay fields, and grassland. They live above ground and have open burrows.

The **Plains pocket gopher** feeds on grasses, stems, roots and are especially fond of alfalfa fields. They live underground and are rarely seen out of their burrow. A mound of dirt covers the burrow.

The **Black-tailed prairie dog** is a rodent of the Great Plains of North America. They have open burrows and eat grasses, roots, leaves, and stems. Prairie dogs can damage productive rangeland and occasionally harbor plague.

The 13-striped gophers are not a designated pest and we are unable to provide any products to control them but retail stores do have products available.