

Manitoba Chimney Swift Initiative

Swift Champions Agreement for Landowner Partners

Site name and address:

Site owner:

Chimney Swifts are protected as a federal and provincial Species-At-Risk in Manitoba. The Manitoba Chimney Swift Initiative (MCSI) recognises the value of landowners to become true champions of the Chimney Swift, providing a safe environment where the birds can roost and breed from May through September. The contribution of landowner partners is critical to conserving this species in Manitoba.

By agreeing to become a Swift Champion, I/we, _____, have committed to:

1. Maintain an open (not capped or lined) chimney on our residence to the best of our ability for a period of at least 10 years;
2. Work with MCSI on projects to repair, clean and restore the chimney outside of the breeding season. MCSI may be able to assist directly with this, dependent on funding;
3. Avoid disturbance on the roof during the breeding season as far as possible;
4. Keep the cleanout trap closed, sealing off access from within or outside the building during the breeding season;
5. Avoid using an open fire in the chimney between mid-May and the first day of September as far as possible;
6. Avoid over-pruning trees or large shrubs on our property;
7. Conserve wetland habitats for which we have responsibility and advocate for wetland conservation near our homes;
8. Allow MCSI volunteers access to monitor the chimneys on our property or commit to monitoring the chimney ourselves;
9. Promote the cause of Chimney Swift conservation in our home and business.

By signing this, we agree that we will champion the cause of Chimney Swifts in Manitoba, display the 'Swift Champion' plaque with pride and contribute to the long-term recovery of these magnificent birds.

NAME OF OWNER

MANITOBA CHIMNEY SWIFT INITIATIVE

Owner: _____

Per: _____

Print Name, Title and Date

Print Name and Date