

Pesticide Use Notification Plan



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AREA OF OPERATION

Local Control Authority Area of Hawkesbury River County Council, covering the Local Government Areas of The Hills Shire and the Cities of Blacktown, Hawkesbury and Penrith.

PLAN PERIOD

Start Date: 7 April 2016

Completion Date: 7 April 2019

IMPORTANT: Always read the label before using any pesticide. All chemicals **MUST** be used strictly in accordance with the registered label for the product. Whilst all care has been taken by the Hawkesbury River County council in preparation of this plan, neither the Council nor its officers or staff accept any responsibility for any loss or damage which may result from any inaccuracy or omission, or from the use of the information herein. For additional information contact Hawkesbury River County council – 02 45 87 0230

PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

1. REASON FOR THIS PLAN.

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the *NSW Pesticides Regulation 2009*. This plan sets out how Hawkesbury River County council will notify members of the community of pesticide applications it makes or allows to be made to public places that it owns or controls.

The aim of this plan is to meet the community's general right to know about pesticide applications made to outdoor public places that are owned or controlled by Hawkesbury River County Council. The plan allows members of the community to take action to avoid contact with pesticides, if they wish. Council ensures that pesticides are applied to public places in a safe, responsible manner, minimising harm to the community & the environment.

The plan sets out how council will notify members of the community of pesticide applications made by council to public places.

The plan describes:

- what public places are covered by the plan
- who regularly uses these public places and an estimate of the level of use
- how and when council will provide the community with information about its Pesticide applications in public places (i.e. what notification arrangements will be used)
- how the community can access this plan and get more information about council's notification arrangements
- how future reviews of the plan will be conducted
- contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan with council.

This plan states that council only uses pesticides in public places when necessary to eliminate noxious weeds and maintenance of council premises, constituent council's parks and reserves & vacant crown lands.

The pesticide use consists of applying herbicides for noxious weed control & infrequent use of pesticides to protect council premises. Frequency of programmed applications range from 2-5 times per year for aquatic weeds, 1–5 times per year for council reserves roadways and 1-3 times per year for public areas. Insecticides are used to protect council premises. Other pesticides used include fungicides and rodenticides. Further information on council's pesticide use can be obtained by calling Hawkesbury River County council's Office on 0245 870230 or by visiting council's website www.hrcc.nsw.gov.au

2. DEFINITION

Under *the NSW Pesticides Act 1999*, a pesticide is an 'agricultural chemical product' as defined in the *Agricultural and Veterinary Chemicals Code Act 1994*, namely: 'a substance or mixture of substances that is represented, imported, manufactured, supplied or used as a means of directly or indirectly:

- destroying, stupefying, repelling, inhibiting the feeding of, or preventing infestation by or attacks of, any pest in relation to a plant, a place or a thing; or
- destroying a plant; or
- modifying the physiology of a plant or pest so as to alter its natural development, productivity, quality or reproductive capacity; or
- modifying an effect of another agricultural chemical product; or
- attracting a pest for the purpose of destroying it

What are some of the different types of pesticides?

Some families or groups of chemical products which are considered pesticides under current NSW legislation are:

Bactericides - These destroy, suppress or prevent the spread of bacteria.

Baits - These are ready-prepared products or products which need to be mixed with a food to control a pest.

Fungicides - These control, destroy, render ineffective or regulate the effect of a fungus.

Genetically Modified Organisms - Agricultural crops can be genetically modified to incorporate resistance to pests and diseases, herbicide tolerance, or to slow the ripening of fruit or alter the timing and duration of flower production.

Herbicides - These destroy, suppress or prevent the spread of a weed or other unwanted vegetation.

Insecticides - These destroy, suppress, stupefy, inhibit the feeding of, or prevent infestations or attacks by an insect.

Lures - These are chemicals that attract a pest to a pesticide for the purpose of its destruction.

Rodenticides - These are pesticides used specifically for controlling rodents such as mice and rats.

Repellents - These repel rather than destroy a pest. Included in this category are personal insect repellents used to repel biting insects.

3. PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN.

Hawkesbury River County Council proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it controls in the Hills shire and the Cities of Blacktown, Hawkesbury and Penrith.

- Reserves (Council controlled or Vacant Crown Lands)
- Public parks, playgrounds & picnic areas
- Sporting fields, ovals & related sporting facilities
- Interior of Council's depot and office
- Exterior of Council buildings / grounds
- road verges and reserves
- Easements accessible to the public
- swimming pools
- caravan & camping grounds
- Hawkesbury/Nepean River, tributaries, Environs, Lagoons and ephemeral wetlands
- Waste management tips
- council depots / nurseries.
- Aquatic weed disposal sites

Hawkesbury River County Council's estimate of the level of community use, regular user groups and types of pesticide use in each of these categories of public places is summarised in the following table.

	Regular User Groups	Frequency	Pesticide Application Methods
Reserves (Council controlled or Vacant Crown Lands)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General recreation users (e.g. joggers, dog walkers). 	Low to medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • High/Low Volume selective herbicides • High/Low Volume non selective herbicides
Public Parks, Playgrounds & Picnic Areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children • Families • Social groups 	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • High/Low Volume non selective herbicides
Sporting fields, ovals and related sporting facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting clubs and associations • School sports groups 	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • High/Low Volume selective herbicides • High/Low Volume non selective herbicides

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General recreational users(e.g. joggers, dog walkers) 		
Interior of Council's Depot and office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • General Public 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot insecticides • Bait rodenticides
Exterior of Council's buildings / grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • General Public 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • High/Low Volume selective herbicides • High/Low Volume non selective herbicides • Spot insecticides • Bait rodenticides
Road verges and reserves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents or visitors walking or driving on the road 	Low for rural roads Medium to high for urban roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • High/Low Volume selective/nonselective herbicides
Easements accessible to the public (e.g. road, lanes, water, sewer, drains, electricity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents and people who work in the area 	Low to medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • High/Low Volume non-selective herbicides
Swimming pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Locals • Visitors • Schools • Swimming clubs 	High in summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • High/Low Volume selective herbicides • High/Low Volume non selective herbicides
Caravan & camping grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitors • Temporary residents 	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • High/Low Volume selective herbicides • High/Low Volume non selective herbicides
Hawkesbury/Nepean River, tributaries, Environs, Lagoons and ephemeral wetlands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recreation users • Fishermen • Families • Joggers • Picnickers • Boaters • Water skiers • Swimmers • Other Agency Staff 	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • High/Low Volume selective herbicides • High/Low Volume non selective herbicides

Waste Management Tips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents Council employees 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot herbicides High/Low Volume selective herbicides High/Low Volume non selective herbicides
Council Depots / Nurseries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents Council employees 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot herbicides High/Low Volume selective herbicides High/Low Volume non selective herbicides
Aquatic Weed Disposal Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents Council employees Contractors 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot herbicides High/Low Volume selective herbicides High/Low Volume non selective herbicides

4. NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS.

This section of the plan describes how and when Council will provide notice of pesticide use in public places. These notification arrangements are based on Council's assessment of:

- the level of usage of public places where herbicides may be used
- the extent to which members of the public who are most likely to be sensitive to herbicides (e.g. young children, sick, pregnant and elderly people) and are likely to use these areas regularly
- the extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to some direct contact with herbicides (such as picnic areas where food is consumed; sporting or other recreational activities that result in contact with the ground)
- the type of herbicides used.

Notice of herbicide use will be provided by one of, or a combination of the following:

- signs erected at entrances to parks whilst undertaking herbicide application
- information on Council's website (which will describe programmed, reactive and emergency herbicide use in public places)
- newspaper advertisements distributed in the area
- Letter box drop.

Council will also allow persons and organisations to nominate to have their details placed on a register which would allow them to be notified of certain types of herbicides uses in particular places, as described in this section of the plan.

Instances where Council will not give notice of herbicides application

Council uses some herbicides that are widely available in retail outlets and ordinarily used for domestic purposes (including home gardening). Council does not intend to provide notice for such herbicide applications other than by way of this description in this plan (or general information on Council's website). This will apply to minor control of spot weed/vegetation control using a wand or backpack/hand-held spray bottle and low volume sprayer.

Notice will not be given of the following herbicides uses

- minor spot spraying of isolated noxious weeds on Council controlled land with herbicides
- where herbicide is below a Schedule 6 for spot spraying only.
- emergency control work – signage only will be provided.

Outdoor Recreation Areas.

The notification arrangements described below will apply to the following public place categories controlled by Council within the local government area (LGA):

- public parks and reserves
- playgrounds
- picnic areas
- sporting fields, ovals and related sporting facilities
- the Hawkesbury Nepean River and its tributaries.

In these public places, signs will be provided to the general community near the application area or main entrance at the time of application and remain as long as described on the herbicide label, or any other legislative requirement for the following pesticide uses:

- high/low volume selective herbicides
- high/low volume non-selective herbicides

Where any of the above herbicide uses occur adjacent to sensitive places, the occupiers will be provided with 48 hours' notice by mail, email or letterbox drop and or which is acceptable to the occupier by prior agreement with Council.

For sporting fields, ovals and related sporting facilities, sporting groups and occupiers of adjacent sensitive places who register interest with Council can also have notice of the above herbicide uses faxed or emailed at least 24 hours prior to application. Information will be available to the general public on Council's website and at Council's Walker St. depot regarding the forward program for the above applications, and on the following herbicide use in outdoor recreation areas:

- spot herbicides
- high/low volume selective herbicides
- high/low volume non-selective herbicides

Outdoor Public Thoroughfares and Certain Easements Accessible to the Public.

The notification arrangements described below will apply to the following categories of public places controlled by Hawkesbury River County Council

- streets, laneways and pathways
- road shoulders, verges, road reserves and footpaths
- road, sewer and electricity easements accessible to the public
- drains.

In these public places, information on the forward program for high/low volume herbicide will be posted on council's website every three months.

Information on the programmed and reactive spot use of herbicides will also be posted on Council's website every three months. Where programmed spot herbicide applications occur on outdoor public thoroughfares and the above easements, adjacent to sensitive places, and/or for parties who register interest with Council, Notice will not be given where occupiers of properties adjacent to Council public places use herbicides on parts of these public places near their properties.

Hawkesbury/Nepean River and Tributaries.

Occasional spot spraying of aquatic noxious weed species is carried out by Hawkesbury River County Council within the Hawkesbury/Nepean river, its tributaries and waterfront council controlled lands with herbicides registered for use in aquatic environments. Notice of planned herbicide application in these locations will be posted in local newspapers prior to commencement of application, the Hawkesbury River County Council website will also have these notices available for public viewing.

Council Buildings.

For pesticide use in facilities that are owned or controlled by Council, signs will be provided near the application area or main entrance prior to application for the following types of pesticide;

- spot use of insecticides
- bait rodenticides

Special Measures for Sensitive Places.

Clause 11J(1) of the Pesticides Regulation defines a sensitive place to be any:

- school or pre-school
- kindergarten
- childcare centre
- hospital
- community health centre
- nursing home

- a place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) – now a part of Environment and Heritage NSW.

Special notification measures for programmed herbicide use in outdoor public places adjacent to sensitive places for each category of public place have already been noted. For non-emergency reactive herbicide use in outdoor public places next to sensitive places, Council will provide concurrent notice shortly before use to the occupier by email, doorknock or letterbox drop, depending upon what is practicable.

If a herbicide must be used to deal with an emergency in an outdoor public place that is adjacent (or within 100 metres) to a sensitive place, Council will organise a door-knock in that sensitive place, preferably at least 30 minutes before.

Hawkesbury River County council will keep a register of sensitive persons and places that will be updated annually. Staff conducting pesticide related activities will have a current copy of the register available in council vehicles to ensure correct notification procedures are followed.

Pesticide Contractors and Lessees of Public Places.

Where Council uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf, Council will ensure that notification is made in accordance with the notification requirements of this plan. Where persons or organisations hold an existing lease on Council land that remains a public place and if they use pesticides in this area, Council will not give notice of pesticide use by these persons or organisations.

In public areas where multiple agencies have responsibility for land management (pesticide application) on their land, and where there is no physically defined boundaries, where Council is undertaking the herbicide application it will follow this Pesticide Notification Plan unless it is operating under contract/or agreement to another authority. This will include incidental applications in areas that are controlled by other authorities.

5. WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

In accordance with clause 11L(2)(g) of the Pesticides Regulation, notices of pesticide use must include all the following information:

- the full product name of the pesticide to be used
- the purpose of the use, clearly setting out what pest or pests are being treated
- the proposed date/s or date range of the pesticide use
- the place where the pesticide is to be used
- contact telephone number and email address of the Council officer who people can contact to discuss the notice
- any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place of application specified on the product label or an Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA) permit.

Signs will be of a standardised design that will be easily recognisable to the public and workers. As already noted, Council's website will have a dedicated area that describes its programmed, reactive and, if practicable, emergency herbicide use in public places with a link to this notification plan.

6. HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

Council will advise residents of the contents of this plan and its contents by:

- making a copy of the plan available for public viewing free of charge in Council's office at 6 Walker Street, South Windsor during office hours
- placing a copy of the plan on the Council website at hrcc.nsw.gov.au/pesticide-notifications
- placing notices in local newspapers distributed in the area
- placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette

7. FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

The notification plan will be reviewed every 3 years. The review will include:

- a report on progress of implementing the plan
- placing the plan on public exhibition, with any proposed changes and calling for public submissions
- in the light of public submissions, making recommendations for alterations (if applicable) to the plan.

8. CONTACT DETAILS

Anyone wishing to contact Council to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of specific details of pesticide applications in public places should contact:

General Manager

PO Box 6021 SOUTH WINDSOR D.C NSW 2756

Phone 024587 0235

Email: council@hrcc.nsw.gov.au

Or access the website: www.hrcc.nsw.gov.au

APPENDICES

- A. Template for pesticide notification.
- B. Notice of Intention
- C. Notice of Intention
- D. Commonly Used Chemicals
- E. Application for Registration of Herbicide-Sensitive Individual / Or Area.

Appendix A

Sample pesticide notification notice

Product: Brushoff

The purpose of the use: To control the declared noxious weed Blackberry.

Proposed dates of use: 1st to 9th December, 2012.

The place of use: Woodlands Reserve, King Road, Wilberforce.

Contact telephone number: Manager, Weeds Operations 0245 870235

Warnings about limitations on the subsequent use of or entry onto the land specified on the approved label or pesticide permit: Nil



Appendix B:

Notice of Intended Herbicide Application

Notice to residents of: _____

Date or dates of herbicide use:* _____

(*A range of dates may be used to cover short-term postponements.)

Full name of herbicide(s) & concentration: _____

The weeds/vegetation to be treated are: _____

Where the herbicide(s) will be applied: _____

Withholding period restrictions (if any): _____

Herbicide application method: _____

Name of Operator(s): _____

Information about this notice:

Under the Pesticides Regulation 1995, residents in multiple occupancy residential complexes must be given at least 5 working days' notice before a licensed pest management technician (pest controller) uses pesticides to treat any common areas of the property. A copy of a material safety data sheet for the pesticide(s) may be requested from the pest controller by any resident.

Date of this notice: _____



Appendix C:

Notice of Herbicide Application

Notice to residents of: _____

Date(s) of herbicide use:* _____

(* insert date or dates)

Full name of herbicide & concentration: _____

The weeds/vegetation being treated are: _____

Where the herbicide(s) are being used: _____

Withholding period restrictions (if any): _____

Herbicide application method: _____

Name of Operator(s): _____

Information about this notice:

Under the Pesticides Regulation 1995, residents in multiple occupancy residential complexes must be given notice when a licensed pest management technician (pest controller) uses pesticides to treat any common areas of the property. A copy of a material safety data sheet for the pesticide(s) may be requested from the pest controller by any resident.

Appendix D:

Commonly Used Chemicals

CHEMICAL	CLASS	SCHEDULE	MINOR USE NOTIFICATION REQUIRED
GARLON 600	Herbicide	6	NO
BROADSIDE HERDICIDE	Herbicide	6	NO
ACCESS	Herbicide	6	NO
ASSOCIATE	Herbicide	unscheduled	NO
DRIFTEX	Spray adjuvant	unscheduled	NO
GRAZON EXTRA HERBICIDE	Herbicide	6	NO
LI-700 SURFACTANT	Adjuvant	5	NO
AFFRAY 300	Herbicide	5	NO
REGLONE	Herbicide	6	NO
ROUNDUP BIACTIVE	Herbicide	5	NO
WHITE LONGLIFE FOAM	Marker foam	unscheduled	NO
SPREADWET 1000	Adjuvant	unscheduled	NO
VIGILANT	Herbicide	unscheduled	NO
WEEDMASTER DUO	Herbicide	5	NO



Attachment E

**APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF
HERBICIDE-SENSITIVE INDIVIDUAL / OR AREA.**

To be registered with Hawkesbury River County Council as a herbicide-sensitive Individual / or area, complete this application form. All of the information in this application, is for HRCC's information only.

I hereby request to be placed on the list of herbicide-sensitive individuals / or area.

PLEASE PRINT

NAME OF INDIVIDUAL / OR AREA.....

RESIDENCE ADDRESS / LOCATION.....

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TOWN.....

DAYTIME PHONE.....

DECLARATION OF AUTHORISED PERSON(S)

DATE:

I request that the individual / area named above should be placed on the list of herbicide-sensitive individuals / areas for the following reason/s

REASON/S

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