

PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION PLAN

PURPOSE

The City of Wanneroo is committed to manage pesticide use in accordance with current best practice for pesticide management in the Local Government Authority environment in Western Australia whilst incorporating community views and ensuring sound risk and contract management in accordance with the City's Pesticide Management Policy.

The Pesticide Use Notification Plan provides information to the community on the City's use and management of pesticides in amenity areas under its control such as, road reserves, drainage easements, rights of ways, public open spaces and other public areas. This includes all works undertaken by City employees and or contractors on behalf of the City.

LOCATIONS WHERE PESTICIDES ARE APPLIED

Pesticides are used across the following public places within the City:

- Parks and reserves
- Natural areas and foreshore areas
- Streetscapes
- Building surrounds - owned by the City
- Road reserves
- Footpaths
- Public access ways (PAWS)
- Drainage reserves
- City owned golf courses

The below Table 1 summarizes the public places, regular user groups and type of pesticides that are commonly used in these locations:

Table 1 – Summary of City public places.

Location	Regular user groups	Type of pesticide
Parks and reserves	Residents and community members, passive and active recreation users.	Herbicides Insecticides
Natural areas and foreshore areas	Residents and community members.	Herbicides
Streetscapes	Local residents.	Herbicides Insecticides
Water bodies – irrigation lakes	Residents and community members, passive and active recreation users.	Herbicides Algaecides
Building surrounds – owned by the City	Community members.	Herbicides Insecticides
Road reserves	Local residents.	Herbicides
Footpaths	Local residents.	Herbicides
Public access ways (PAWS)	Local residents.	Herbicides
Drainage Reserves	These areas are generally fenced	Herbicides

	and not accessible to the general public.	
City owned golf courses	Golfers.	Herbicides Fungicides Insecticides Algaecides

METHODS OF APPLICATION

The City utilizes two main methods for pesticide application;

Broadacre application:

- Typically applied via boom through specialized equipment to cover large areas;
- In turf situations shrouded booms are used to eliminate the potential for spray drift;
- In turf situations a non-chemical foam indicator markers are used to ensure uniform pesticide application;
- In turf situations, GPS technology is used to track applications;
- In conservation reserve situations non shrouded booms are used to avoid conflict with existing vegetation.

Targeted application:

- Typically applied via back pack type and vehicle mounted spray units at low volume in small areas for targeted application;
- Basal barking treatment for woody weed control.

NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

Notification of pesticide applications are based on the principle that people who live or work in or visit an area have the right to know when public places are treated with pesticides. Notifying people about pesticide applications means that they can make informed decisions about entering a public place.

Pesticide application notification is based on the City’s annual integrated pest management program. The community will be advised of all programmed pesticide use in advance via the City’s website, social media page and through local community papers. Non-programmed pesticide use is conducted on a case by case basis and therefore prior notification is not possible.

Programmed pesticide use is conducted pre-determined timings in line with pest growth stages, weather and environmental conditions and the relevant target pest. The community will be notified of pesticide use in accordance with the Pesticide Notification Hierarchy in Table 2.

Non-programmed pesticide use refers to applications and treatments conducted a part of general streetscape, park and conservation reserve maintenance generally through low volume targeted application via back pack and vehicle mounted spray units.

Contractors engaged by the City to apply pesticides within the City are required to provide the City all information relating to intended pesticide application in accordance with the Pesticide Management Policy and Pesticide Notification Plan. Where multiple agencies are

involved in the application of pesticides with no physically defined boundary (such as Yellagonga Regional Park), the City will apply pesticides in City managed areas as defined with this Plan.

Table 2 - Pesticide Notification Hierarchy

Location	Vehicle signage*	Site signage*	Pesticide Notification Register	Public Notices on City's website
Programmed				
Parks	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Conservation reserves and foreshore areas	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Streetscapes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Water bodies – irrigation lakes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Building surrounds – owned by the City	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Road reserves	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Footpaths	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Public access ways (PAWS)	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Drainage Reserves	Yes	Yes	Yes	
City owned Golf Courses	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Non-programmed	Yes	Yes		

*All signage displayed will be in accordance with the Department of Health Pesticide Regulations 2011

The details included as part of the pesticide notification will include:

- Proposed date/s of the application/s;
- Location/s of the proposed application/s;
- Reason for the application including the target pest;
- The active constituent of the pesticide product being applied; and
- The City's contact number and corporate email address.

NO SPRAY LIST REGISTER AND PESTICIDE EXCLUSION ZONES

The City will maintain a Pesticide Notification Register, where individual residents, community groups and organisations can register under the following categories:

- Residents that wish to be advised of any pesticide applications in their suburb;
- Community groups and organisations that wish to be advised of any pesticide applications in their suburb/locality; and
- Residents that do not want any pesticides applied outside of their property.

Notifications will be automatically generated via email or text message to residents, community groups and organisations to advise of all programmed pesticide applications within their suburb/locality on a monthly basis.

Registrants will be contacted annually for re-registration. Failure to re-register within 28 days will result in removal from the Pesticide Notification Register. Application for the Pesticide Notification Register is available from the City.

EVALUATION AND REVIEW PROVISIONS

This document will be reviewed every five (5) years, though changes related to legislation, government and or City Policies may trigger a review of the document before its calendar review.

RELATED DOCUMENTS

Pesticide Management Policy

CONTACT DETAILS

To discuss Plan and or to obtain further information in relation to pesticide applications in public places within the City, please contact Parks and Conservation Management on 9405 5000.

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