

PESTICIDE MANAGEMENT POLICY

Responsible Directorate:	<i>Assets</i>
Responsible Service Unit:	<i>Parks and Conservation Management</i>
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1. POLICY STATEMENT

The Policy reflects 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.

2. OBJECTIVE AND PURPOSE

Objective

“The objective of the Policy is to ensure that the City meets its environmental, legal and community obligations for pesticide use on land it administers in a manner that is environmentally, socially and economically responsible.”

Purpose

“The purpose of this policy is to:-

Ensure that pesticides are applied in City parks, streetscapes and conservation reserves in accordance with the relevant state government Acts, guidelines and industry best practice.”

3. KEY DEFINITIONS

Term	Definition
Fungicide	Chemical compounds or biological organisms used to kill fungi or fungal spores.
Herbicide	Chemical substances used to control unwanted plants.
Insecticide	A substance used to kill insects.
Integrated Pest Management	A pest management program based on chemical and non-chemical pre and post-treatment control methods.

Material Safety Data Sheet	A document that provides information on the properties of hazardous chemicals and how they affect health and safety in the workplace.
Pesticides	The use of the term pesticides refers to all herbicides, insecticides and fungicides.

4. SCOPE

The Policy applies to the application of pesticides to all City managed land. Administration, City contractors and other contractors engaged in the application of pesticides within City managed land are required to comply with this Policy.

5. IMPLICATIONS

Administration of this Policy will be delivered through existing resources within Parks and Conservation Management and financed through the annual Parks and Conservation Management Operational Budgets.

The policy complies with the following:

- *Western Australian Health Act 1911* – Health (Pesticides) Regulations 2011; and
- Government of Western Australia Department of Health – A guide to the management of pesticides in local government pest control programs in Western Australia.

6. IMPLEMENTATION

The City will include the use of chemical and non-chemical methods as part of all pest and weed control programs. When using pesticides the City will adhere to the following principles:

- Use pesticides on the basis of risk management, good contract management and auditing results;
- Inform the community and provide notification of pesticide application events;
- Consult other government agencies and local stakeholders when pest control activities have the potential to impact on environmentally significant land, water catchment areas, farming property or other sensitive area of activity; and
- Comply with all applicable legislation, codes and policies with respect to pesticide application by the City and its contractors.

7. AUTHORITIES AND ACCOUNTABILITIES

Nil.

8. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Parks and Conservation Management are responsible for publication, implementation and compliance of this Policy and will provide interpretations in the event of the need for clarification.

9. DISPUTE RESOLUTION (if applicable)

All disputes in regard to this Policy will be referred to the Director Assets in the first instance. In the event that an agreement cannot be reached, the matter will be submitted to the CEO for referral.

10. EVALUATION AND REVIEW

Policy documents must be reviewed at least every two (2) years, though changes related to relevant legislation, government policies or City objectives may trigger a review of the document before its calendar review date.

11. RELATED DOCUMENTS

Nil

12. REFERENCES

- Western Australian Health Act 1911 – Health (Pesticides) Regulations 2011
- Government of Western Australia Department of Health – A guide to the management of pesticides in local government pest control programs in Western Australia.

13. RESPONSIBILITY FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Manager Parks and Conservation Management

REVISION HISTORY

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