



Hay Shire Council
PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

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PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

1. INTRODUCTION

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation - 2009 (the Regulation).

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 public authorities. 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 or the environment.

The plan sets out how Council will notify members of the community of pesticide applications made by Council to public places that it owns or controls.

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 with Council

This plan forms a component of Council's integrated pest management policy. This policy states that Council only uses pesticides in public places when necessary to control noxious weeds, to protect public property from pest damage and to protect the users of public places from nuisance or danger.

The majority of pesticide use consists of applying herbicides for weed control and applying insecticides to manage certain insect pests. Frequency of programmed applications range from 1-3 times per year for sports fields, 5-10 times per year for parks and gardens, and twice yearly for public thoroughfares. Programmed pesticide application for noxious weed control occurs throughout the year, subject to seasonal condition variations.

Bait insecticides are used for termite and ant control to protect structures and public safety wherever this is considered an effective solution. Other pesticides used include fungicides, rodenticides, and medium to large vertebrate baits. Further information on Council's pesticide use can be obtained by calling Shane Arnold on 02 69901131.

2. PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

Hay Shire Council proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it owns or controls in the Hay Shire Council:

- Public gardens
- Parks
- Playgrounds
- Picnic areas
- Sporting fields and ovals
- Cemeteries
- Rural reserves
- Urban reserves
- Public land owned or controlled by the Hay Shire Council, including:
 - road verges and reserves
 - urban streets and roads
 - laneways and pathways
 - easements accessible to the public
 - drains
 - swimming pool
- Crown land held in trust by Council
- Garbage Tip
- Waterways

This plan will also provide information on how notice will be provided to the community of pesticide use in the interiors of the following council buildings: council chambers, libraries, community halls/centres and childcare facilities.

Information relating to the location or these public access areas will be made available for viewing at Council Office building, 134 Lachlan Street during normal business hours.

Council's estimate of the level of community use, and regular user groups for each of these public place categories is summarised in the following table. Although not required by the Regulation, a summary of the type of pesticide use in each category of public place is also provided.

Public Places & Pesticide Use

Public places owned or controlled by Council (categories)	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
a) Parks and Public Gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and young families • Elderly people • General recreational users (eg. Joggers, dog walkers, bush walkers, cyclists, picnickers). 	High (frequent use by multiple users, with short to medium length stays)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Broadscale selective herbicides • Broadscale non-selective herbicides • Broadscale insecticides • Fungicide (usually garden beds) • Spray termiticides, ant control • Bait termiticides, ant control
b) Playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children groups • Young families • Visitors to the area 	Medium/High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Spray ant control • Bait ant control
c) Picnic areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families • Other social groups (eg. Ethnic, religious groups) • Visitors to the area 	High (Particularly on weekends, public holidays and school holidays)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Broadscale selective herbicides • Bait rodenticides • Fungicide (usually garden beds) • Spray termiticides, ant control • Bait termiticides, ant control

Public places owned or controlled by Council (categories)	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
d) Sporting fields and ovals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting clubs and associations • Schools sports groups • General recreational user groups (eg. Joggers, dog-walkers) 	High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Broadscale selective herbicides • Broadscale non-selective herbicides • Broadscale insecticides • Spray of bait termiticides on facilities • Rodenticides near facilities
e) Cemeteries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families • Funeral attendees 	Low to High subject to funeral occurrence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Broadscale selective herbicides • Fungicide (usually garden beds) • Spray termiticides, ant control • Bait termiticides, ant control
f) Rural reserves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sporting clubs and associations • General residents • Young families • Campers • Cyclists • Visitors to the area 	Medium (Subject to seasonal variation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Broadscale selective herbicides • Broadscale non-selective herbicides • Spray termiticides, ant control • Bait termiticides, ant control

Public places owned or controlled by Council (categories)	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
g) Urban reserves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents and visitors to the area • Campers/cyclists • Joggers, dog-walkers • Anglers 	Medium (Subject to seasonal variation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Broadscale selective herbicides • Spray & bait insecticides for ant control
h) Council laneways and pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents • People who work in the area • Visitors to the area 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Broadscale non-selective herbicides • Bait, ant control
i) Rural road shoulders, verges and road reserves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural land holders • General public/motorists • Stock managers • State government contractors 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Broadscale selective herbicides • Broadscale non-selective herbicides
j) Urban roads, streets and roadside furniture. (Eg. Culverts, curb & gutter channelling, footpaths and trees)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents or visitors walking or driving on the road • General recreational users (joggers, dog-walkers) 	Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Spray & Bait, ant control • Spray & Bait termiticides

Public places owned or controlled by Council (categories)	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
k) Easements accessible to the public (specifically; road, water, sewer, electricity)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents and people who work in the area 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Broadscale non-selective herbicides • Spray and bait termiticides • Bait ant control
l) Council drains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents living adjacent to a drain; • Local residents or visitors who walk or drive past a drain 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Broadscale non-selective herbicides
m) Swimming Pool buildings and grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents and visitors to the area • Sporting clubs and associations • School sports groups 	High (Depending on seasonal variation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Spray termiticides, ant control • Bait termiticides, ant control
n) Interiors of Public Buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Library users (including young children, school groups and the elderly) • Young children and their carers (childcare facilities) • Parents groups /playgroups • Community associations • Church groups • General members of the public 	Medium to High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Bait rodenticides • Spray termiticides • Spray ant control • Bait termiticides • Bait ant control <p>Also refer to Licensed Pest Controller</p>

Public places owned or controlled by Council (categories)	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
o) Crown land in the trust of Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Campers • Bushwalkers • Recreation users eg. Fishing, bike riding, swimming. 	Low to High (Depending on seasonal variation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Broadscale selective herbicides • Broadscale non-selective herbicides • Bait and spray insecticide, ant control
p) Waste Disposal Depot (garbage tip)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents • People who work in the area • Visitors to the area 	Low to High (Depending on seasonal variation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Broadscale selective herbicides • Broadscale non-selective herbicides • Bait and spray insecticide, ant control
q) Waterways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local residents • General recreational users (Bush-walkers, bird watches) • Visitors to the area 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot herbicides • Spot insecticides • Broadscale selective herbicides • Broadscale non-selective herbicides Bait and spray insecticide, ant control

3. 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 pesticides may be used
- The extent to which members of the public who are most likely to be sensitive to pesticides (eg. young children, sick, pregnant and the 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 pesticides (such as picnic areas where food is consumed; sporting or other recreational activities that result in contact with the ground)
- Type of pesticide used.

Notice of pesticide use will be provided by a combination of:

- Signs (Refer Appendix 4)
- Letters
- Fax and email
- Letterbox drops
- Door knocking (Refer Appendix 5)
- Phone contact
- Publication in Shire Snippets

Council will also allow persons and organisations to nominate to have their details placed on a central register which would allow them to be notified of certain types of pesticide uses in particular places, as described in this section of the plan (Refer Appendix 2).

Council uses small quantities of some pesticides 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 pesticide applications other than by way of this description in this plan.

This will apply to minor control of indoor and outdoor insect pests using baits or aerosol spray cans and spot weed control using a wand or hand-held spray bottle.

a) Outdoor recreation areas

The notification arrangements describe below will apply to the following public places categories owned or controlled by Council within Hay Shire:

- Public parks and gardens
- Playgrounds
- Picnic areas
- Sporting fields, ovals and related sporting facilities
- Cemeteries.

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 for at least 24 hours afterwards for the following pesticide uses:

- Broadscale selective herbicides
- Broadscale non-selective herbicides
- Broadscale insecticides
- Fungicides
- Spray termiticides and ant control
- Bait termiticides (where part of an ongoing program, first use of pesticide only)
- Bait rodenticide (where part of an ongoing program, first use of pesticide only)

Where any of the above pesticide uses occur adjacent to sensitive places (see definition of 'sensitive places', under subsection d) Special measures for sensitive places) the occupiers will be provided with 48 hours prior targeted notice by phone, mail or letterbox drop (whichever is most practicable).

For **playgrounds and picnic areas** only, prior notice will be extended to 24 hours by placing signs for all the above pesticide uses. For these areas only, signs will also be placed for at least 24 hours after spot herbicide or insecticide use or placement of ant control baits.

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 pesticide uses faxed or emailed at least 48 hours prior to application.

In these outdoor recreation areas, information on the forward program for use of pesticide use will be included in the Hay Shire Council publication "Shire Snippets" which is circulated to every residential address in Hay Shire fortnightly.

b) Outdoor public thoroughfares and certain easements accessible to the public

The notification arrangements described below will apply to the following categories of public place owned or controlled by Hay Shire Council:

- Laneways, pathways, footpaths and roadside furniture
- Road shoulders, verges and road reserves
- Road, sewer and electricity easements accessible to the public
- Drains.

In these public places, information on the forward program for use of herbicides will be included in the Hay Shire Council publication "Shire Snippets" which is circulated to every residential address in Hay Shire fortnightly. A letterbox drop of adjacent properties will occur at least 5 days before the expected date or dates of broadscale herbicide application for all of the above pesticide uses.

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, prior notice by mail or letterbox drop will be provided at least 5 days beforehand.

Notice will not be given where occupiers of properties adjacent to Council public places use pesticides on parts of these public places near their properties.

c) Certain Council Buildings

For pesticide use in Council chambers, Council owned libraries, community halls and centres and childcare facilities that are owned or controlled by Council, signs will be provided near the application area or main entrance at least 48 hours prior to application and remain for at least 48 hours afterwards for the following pesticide uses:

- Spot use of insecticides
- Bait rodenticides
- Spray termiticides
- Spray ant control.

Information for the general community about the above applications and on the following pesticide uses in the above Council buildings will be published in the Hay Shire Council publication “Shire Snippets” which is circulated to every residential address in Hay Shire fortnightly:

- Bait termiticides
- Bait ant control

In addition, 5 days prior notice of all programmed pesticide use in Council childcare facilities will be given to operators of the facilities; where practicable the programmed use of pesticides in Council building will be carried out when the building is unoccupied.

d) Special measures for sensitive places

Clause 18 of the Pesticide Regulation – 2009 defines a sensitive place to be any:

- School or pre-school
- Kindergarten
- Childcare centre
- Hospital
- Community health centre
- Nursing home
- Place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) – now a part of the Department of Environment and Climate Change (DECC).
- Organic farming enterprises.

Special notification measures for programmed pesticide use in outdoor public places adjacent to sensitive places for each category of public place have already been noted.

For non-emergency reactive pesticide use in outdoor public places next to sensitive places, Council will provide concurrent notice shortly before use to the occupier by phone, door-knock or letterbox drop, depending upon what is practicable.

If a pesticide must be used to deal with an emergency in an outdoor public place that is adjacent to a sensitive place, Council will organise a door-knock in that sensitive place, preferably at least 30 minutes before, so people are aware that a pesticide is about to be used to deal with a dangerous pest infestation.

Programmed pesticide application for areas adjacent to school grounds shall be scheduled for the school holiday periods, wherever practicable.

e) Emergency pesticide applications

In cases where emergency pesticide applications in public places are required to deal with biting or dangerous pests such as wasps, bees, venomous spiders, fleas, bird mites or rodents (that pose an immediate health hazard), Council will, where possible, provide notice by posting signs nearby at the time of the application. If this is not possible, Council will provide information via its Council info line 02 69931003, or by request to the person applying the pesticide.

f) 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 still require notification in accordance with the requirements of this plan.

4. WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

In accordance with clause 20 (h) of the Pesticides Regulation - 2009, 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 the 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 publication "Shire Snippets" provides a means to advise residents of its programmed, reactive and, if practicable, emergency pesticide use in public places in conjunction to this notification plan.

5. HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

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

- Making a copy of the plan available for public viewing free of charge in Council's libraries and main office at 134 Lachlan Street] during office hours
- Placing a notice in the Riverina Grazier, Council snippets column
- Placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette.

6. FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

The notification plan will be reviewed every 5 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.

The next review is to be undertaken by 27 June 2016.

7. CONTACT DETAILS

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

Name: Shane Arnold
Job title: Ranger/Weeds Officer
Council address: 134 Lachlan Street
Hay Shire Council
Hay, NSW 2711
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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 - List of generic pesticide used by Hay Shire Council

Appendix 2 - Register of interested parties requiring prior notification.

Appendix 3 – Warning Notice

Appendix 4 – Notice of Intended Pesticide Application

Appendix 1 – List of generic pesticide used by Hay Shire Council

List of generic pesticide used by Hay Shire Council:

1. Roundup Max – 540 g/L Glyphosate
2. Kamba M – 340 g/L MCPA and 80 g/L Dicamba
3. MCPA 500 – 500 g/L MCPA
4. Lorsban 500 EC – 500 g/L Chlorpyrifos and 450g/L Liquid Hydrocarbon
5. Cavalier (Goal) - 240 g/L Oxyflourfen

Appendix 2 – Register of interested parties

Register of interested parties requiring prior notification.

1. Nil to date registered.



Warning

Herbicide Sprayed

Chemical Used:

Application Time/Date:

Target pest sprayed:

Re-entry Period:

Please Keep Off

For enquiries please contact Hay Shire Council
on 0419 432 354 or 6990 1100

Notice of intended pesticide application

To be used when giving residents prior notice

Notice to residents of: _____

Date or dates of pesticide use:* _____

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

Full name of pesticide product(s): _____

The pest(s) to be treated are: _____

Where the pesticide(s) will be applied: _____

Re-entry period restrictions (if any): _____

The pesticide will be applied by: _____

Pest controller contact number(s): _____

Information about this notice:

Under the Pesticides Regulation -2009 Clause 25 (1), 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: _____