

Scope and Purpose

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 the Council of the City of Ryde. The plan allows members of the community to take action to avoid contact with pesticides if they wish. City of Ryde 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 City of Ryde will notify members of the community of pesticide applications made by City of Ryde to public places.

The plan describes:

- what public places are covered by the plan;
- who typically uses these public places and an estimate of the level of use;
- how and when City of Ryde 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 City of Ryde's notification arrangements;
- how future reviews of the plan will be conducted;
- contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan with City of Ryde.

City of Ryde only uses pesticides in public places when necessary to control noxious weeds and pest species, to protect public property from pest damage, to protect the natural environment and to protect the users of public places from nuisance or danger. Where possible and practical, alternative control methods are used to limit the need for the application of chemical pesticides.

Guidelines / Procedures

2. PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

City of Ryde proposes to use or allow the use of pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places within this City of Ryde's local government area:

- Parks and public gardens
- Sporting fields and ovals
- Roads, paths and nature strips
- Bushland reserves
- Drains and easements
- City of Ryde buildings and surrounds

A summary of public place categories, user groups, level of use of pesticides and notification methods is provided in table form in Appendix A.

Notification to the public for the use of spot mosquito larvicide treatments is not required on any type of Publically owned land, eg easements, drains, bushland reserves and other natural areas, as we only use biodegradable, biologically based larvicide products, such as Vectobac. Around 15 years ago NSW DPI made CoR exempt from licencing to use such products.

3. NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section of the plan describes how and when City of Ryde will provide notice of pesticide use in public places. These notification arrangements are based on City of Ryde'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 (e.g. young children, sick, pregnant and elderly people) are likely to use these areas;
- the extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to direct contact with pesticides (such as picnic-making where food is consumed, sporting or other recreational activities that result in contact with the ground);
- the type of pesticide used.

Notice of pesticide use will be provided by one or more of:

- signs;
- letters;
- fax or email;
- letterbox drops;
- door knocking;
- phone contact.

City of Ryde 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 use in particular places, as described in this section of the plan.

Exemptions to Notification

City of Ryde uses small quantities of some pesticides that are widely available in retail outlets and ordinarily used for domestic purposes (including home gardening). City of Ryde will typically not provide notice for such pesticide applications (other than by general information on City of Ryde's website). 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 non powered spray application (eg. spray bottle, back-pack sprayer).

Special measures for sensitive places

Clause 18 of the Pesticides Regulation 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 Conservation (DEC).

Notification of pesticide application adjacent to sensitive areas, as previously defined, will take place when pesticide application is:

- in line with situations listed in Table 1 requiring notification;
- within 30 metres of a sensitive place.

Notification is to be provided in writing to the relevant operators of the place at least 48 hours prior to pesticide application.

If a pesticide must be used to deal with an emergency in an outdoor public place that is adjacent to a sensitive place, City of Ryde 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.

Emergency pesticide applications

In cases where emergency pesticide applications in public places are required (not adjacent to a sensitive place), City of Ryde will provide notice by posting signs nearby at the time of the application. If this is not possible, City of Ryde will provide information via Customer Service, or upon request via the person applying the pesticide.

Pesticide contractors and lessees of public places

Where City of Ryde uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf, City of Ryde will ensure that notification is made in accordance with the notification requirements of this plan.

4. WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

In accordance with clause 20(1)(h) of the Pesticides Regulation, notices of pesticide use must include 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 City of Ryde 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. A template for the signs is attached as Appendix B.

5. HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

City of Ryde will advise residents of the contents of the plan by:

- making a copy of the plan available for public viewing free of charge during office hours in City of Ryde's Civic Centre at corner Devlin & Parkes Streets, Top Ryde;
- placing a copy of the plan on the City of Ryde website at 'www.ryde.nsw.gov.au' in a logical location;

6. IN-HOUSE RECORD KEEPING

City of Ryde staff will keep records of applicable uses of pesticides. A record template, showing required information, is attached as Appendix C.

7. CONTACT DETAILS

City of Ryde contact details for enquiries regarding pesticide applications in public places are given below:

Sports field applications:	Maintenance Co-ordinator Sports Facilities;
Community Land applications:	Maintenance Co-ordinator Community Land;

Bushland applications: Co-ordinator Natural Areas;
Buildings Applications: Maintenance Officer Buildings;
General document enquires: Environmental Engineer.

City of Ryde
Phone 9952 8222

References - Legislation

- Pesticides Act (1999)
- Pesticides Regulation (2009)
- Noxious Weeds Act (1993)
- Noxious Weeds (weed control) Order (2014)

Review Process and Endorsement

The notification plan will be reviewed every 5 years. The review will include:

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

Minor interim changes may be made to the plan as appropriate and required.

Attachments

Title	Trim Reference
Appendix A: Table 1. Summary of Place Categories and Notification Procedures	COR2008/302
APPENDIX B: Notification Sign Template	COR2008/302
Appendix C: Pesticide Application Record Template	

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APPENDIX A: Table 1. Summary of Place Categories and Notification Procedures

Public places owned or controlled by City of Ryde	Regular user groups	Level of use of Public place	Type of pesticide use	Method of Notification	When Notification will take place
Public parks and gardens	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General recreational users (e.g. joggers, dog-walkers, picnickers). children and young families elderly people Other social groups 	<p>High to very High</p> <p>Frequent short to medium duration</p> <p>Longer duration on weekends and school holidays</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot Herbicides Broadscale Selective Herbicides 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage 48 hours prior to application in prominent locations adjacent to the application area. Signs to remain for 48 hours after application 	For application of Broadscale Selective Herbicide ONLY
Sporting Fields and other related Sporting Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sporting Clubs and Associations School Sports Groups General recreational users Casual Sports hirers 	<p>HIGH – particularly weekends</p> <p>Frequent short to medium duration</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot herbicides Spot Insecticides Broadscale selective herbicides Broadscale pre-emergent herbicides Broadscale insecticides Fungicides (on specialized turf areas) Rodenticides near facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Signage 48 hours prior to application in prominent locations adjacent to the application area. Signs to remain for 48 hours after application 	<p>For application of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Broadscale selective herbicides Broadscale pre-emergent herbicides Broadscale insecticides <p>Any spraying of specialized turf areas larger than 1000m²</p>
Roads / Pathways / Naturestrips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local residents walking or driving on roads or paths 	Medium to High, short duration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot herbicides Broadscale Non-selective herbicides 	Signage displayed at time of application and for withholding period (as per label directions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot spraying Broadscale non-selective herbicides

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Easements / Drains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local residents living adjacent Local residents visiting, walking or driving past 	Low to Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot herbicides Broadscale Non-selective herbicides 	Signage displayed at time of application and for withholding period (as per label directions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot spraying Broadscale non-selective herbicides
Bushland reserves and other natural areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General recreational bushwalkers Volunteer Bushcare workers Bush regeneration contractors 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot herbicides Broadscale non-selective herbicides Vertebrate pest baiting Termiticides 	<p>Signage displayed at time of application and for withholding period (as per label directions)</p> <p>Vertebrate pest control – as per the Pesticides Act 1999 – Pesticide Control Order Under Section 38</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot spraying Broadscale non-selective herbicides Vertebrate pest control – as per the Pesticides Act 1999 – Pesticide Control Order Under Section 38
City of Ryde Buildings (external) and surrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Library users (young children, school groups, elderly etc) Child care groups (young children and their carers) Community Assocns Church groups Employees and visitors General members of the public 	High to Very High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spot insecticides Spot herbicides Spray Termiticides Spray ant control Bait Termiticides Bait ant control Bait bird control 	Signage displayed at time of application and for withholding period (as per label directions)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spray Termiticides Spray ant control Bait termiticides, ant control and bird control



CITY OF RYDE

PESTICIDE APPLICATION NOTIFICATION

THE FOLLOWING AREA:

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**WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING
CHEMICAL APPLIED:**

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FOR THE CONTROL OF:

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APPLICATION DATE:

**MINIMAL ACCESS TO THIS AREA IS
ADVISED UNTIL:**

CONTACT:

PHONE:

Appendix C: Pesticide Application Record Template

PESTICIDE APPLICATION RECORD



Date: _____ 00401

Location: _____

Time Of Application: Start _____ Finish _____

Area Treated: _____ m²

Chemical Used: _____

Active Ingredient(s): _____

Formulation: _____

Target Pests: _____

Rate of Application: _____

Method of Application: _____

Weather Conditions:

Temp _____ Wind Speed _____ Humidity _____

Other Relevant Details: _____

Name of Applicator: _____

Signature: _____