



PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

1 INTRODUCTION

This Pesticide Use Notification Plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 1995 (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 Bourke Shire Council. The plan allows members of the community to take action to avoid contact with pesticides, if they wish.

The term 'pesticide' is applied to chemicals used to kill pests and minimise their impact on agriculture, health and other human interests. Pesticides are often classified according to the organisms which they are used to control, eg fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, molluscicides, nematicides, rodenticides, algacides, baits, repellents etc.

Bourke Shire Council ensures that staff and contractors adopt best management practices in the application of pesticides to public places minimising harm to the community or the environment. Examples of best management practices involve using pesticides only for the purpose described on the product label and following all the instructions on the label, observing the weather conditions at the control site, continual observance of the general public at the control site, taking care to protect their own health and the health of others while using a pesticide (wearing the appropriate personal protective equipment etc), making every reasonable attempt to prevent damage occurring from the use of a pesticide.

The majority of pesticide use by Council staff and contractors consists of applying herbicides for weed control (noxious weeds, annual and perennial weeds, nuisance grass's etc) and applying insecticides to manage insect pests (Fruit fly, European Wasps, Spiders, etc). The seasonal conditions and prevailing weather conditions have a major influence on any control work carried out.

The plan sets out how Bourke Shire 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 plan describes:

- What public places are covered by the plan
- Who regularly uses these public places and an estimated level of use
- How and when Bourke Shire Council will provide the community with information about its pesticide applications in public places
- 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 Bourke Shire Council

2 PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

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

Public land owned or controlled by the Bourke Shire Council, including

- Public park and garden areas
- Sporting fields and ovals
- Road and laneway verges
- Pathways
- Reserves
- Drains and other easements
- Showground
- Dog pound
- Swimming pool
- Cemetery
- Kerb and gutters
- Saleyards
- Aerodrome
- Water filtration plant
- Waste Water (Sewerage) Treatment Plant
- Works Depot

Bourke Shire 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 are summarised in the following tables.

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Public park and garden areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Children • Families • Elderly people • Recreational users (joggers etc) • Groups (Friends of Parks) • Contractors • Education and Tour Groups • Maintenance staff 	Med to high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides • Broadscale spraying herbicides • Broadscale spraying insecticides • Spot spraying fungicides
Sporting fields and ovals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Sport clubs and associations • School groups • General public • Spectators • Maintenance staff 	Low to med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides • Broadscale spraying herbicides • Broadscale spraying insecticides • Cut n paint herbicides
Road and laneway verges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Adjoining landholders and residents • Walkers and joggers • Maintenance staff 	Low to high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides • Broadscale spraying herbicides • Broadscale spraying insecticides
Pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Residents • Joggers • Visitors • Maintenance staff 	Low to high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides
Reserves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Family groups • Walkers & joggers • Picnic groups • Maintenance staff • Fishermen 	Low to med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides • Cut n paint herbicides
Drains and easements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Maintenance staff • Local residents 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides
Dog Pound	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Maintenance staff • Visitors 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides
Showground	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Sporting clubs • Families • Animals • Maintenance staff 	Low to med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides • Boom spray herbicides

Public places	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Swimming pools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Families • School groups • Visitors/tourists • Maintenance staff 	Low to high	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides • Boom spray herbicides
Cemetery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Visitors • Maintenance staff 	Low to med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Spot spray insecticides • Broadscale spraying herbicides
Saleyards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Animals • Farmers • Stock and Station Agents • Truck Drivers • Maintenance staff 	Low to med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Broadscale spraying herbicides
Aerodrome	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Pilots • Passengers • Maintenance staff 	Low to med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides • Boom spraying herbicides
Water Filtration Plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Maintenance staff • Company representatives 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicides
Waste Water (Sewerage) Treatment Plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Maintenance staff 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spray herbicide • Spot spray insecticides
Works Depot	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council staff • Maintenance staff • Delivery persons • Company representatives 	Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spot spraying herbicide • Spot spraying insecticide

3 NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section of the plan describes how and when Bourke Shire Council will provide notice of pesticide use in public places, including special measures for sensitive areas that are adjacent to public places, arrangements for emergency pesticide applications and circumstances where notice will not be given.

These notification requirements are based on Bourke Shire 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 are likely to use these areas
- The extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to some contact with pesticides
- Type of pesticides used

Council will ensure that notice will be given as detailed in "8- WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED" part of this plan.

4 HOW AND WHEN NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE WILL BE PROVIDED

A Pesticide Application Notice will be printed in local media outlining Council's spraying program.

Notification will be as follows:

Public parks & garden areas

For public parks and garden areas, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide. Application of pesticides includes:

- Spot spray herbicide (garden beds, gravel paths, broadleaf weeds etc)
- Spot spray insecticide (Fruit Fly, European Wasps etc)
- Apply fungicide (applied to plants and tubers etc)
- Broadscale herbicide (broadleaf weeds etc)
- Broadscale insecticide (turf eating insects like African Black Beetle etc)
- Cut n paint herbicide (direct application)

Sport fields and ovals

For sports fields and ovals, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide. Application of pesticides includes:

- Spot spray herbicide (garden beds, gravel paths, broadleaf weeds etc)
- Spot spray insecticide (Fruit Fly, European Wasps etc)
- Apply fungicide (applied to turf areas etc)
- Broadscale herbicide (broadleaf weeds etc)

- Broadscale insecticide (turf eating insects like African Black Beetle etc).

Road and laneway verges

For road verges and reserves, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide. Areas adjacent to sensitive areas such as outside schools, preschools, hospitals etc will be treated early in the morning and outside school hours. Herbicide treatment adjacent to vineyards and orchards will be carried out prior to bud swell or after the fruit has finished too avoid non-target spray drift damage.

Application of pesticides includes:

- Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites and nuisance weeds etc)
- Spot spray insecticide (Fruit Fly, European Wasps etc)
- Boom spraying (vegetation growth on road shoulders)

Pathways

In pathways, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Pathways adjacent to sensitive areas such as schools, preschools, hospitals etc will be treated early in the morning and outside school hours. Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide.

Application of pesticides includes:

- Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds and nuisance weeds etc)
- Spot spray insecticide (Fruit Fly, European Wasps etc)

Reserves

In reserves, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Herbicide treatment adjacent to vineyards and orchards will be carried out prior to bud swell or after the fruit has finished too avoid non-target spray drift damage. Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide.

Application of pesticides includes:

- Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites and nuisance weeds etc)
- Spot spray insecticide (Fruit Fly, European Wasps etc)
- Cut n paint herbicides (direct application)

Drains & other easements

In drains and other easements, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide.

Application of pesticides includes:

- Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites & nuisance weeds etc)
- Spot spray insecticide (Spiders, Coach Roaches, European Wasps etc)

Showground

In the Showground, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide.

Application of pesticides includes:

- Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, paths, tree sites & nuisance weeds etc)
- Broadscale herbicide (broadleaf weeds etc)
- Spot spray insecticide (Fruit Fly, European Wasps etc)

Dog Pound

At the Dog pound, due to its remoteness and restricted access to the public, no notice will be provided, unless specifically requested. Bourke Shire Council Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practises, taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide.

- Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, driveway and nuisance weeds)
- Spot spray insecticides (spiders, rodents etc)

Swimming Pool

At the swimming pool, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff or contractors are not to allow public to enter treated areas until spray has dried (spray during hours of closure). Staff and contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide.

Application of pesticides includes:

- Spot spray herbicide (fencelines, tree sites and nuisance weeds etc)
- Spot spray insecticide (Spiders, European Wasps etc)

Cemetery

At the cemetery, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide.

Application of pesticides includes:

- Spot spray herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites and nuisance weeds etc)
- Spot spray insecticide (Spiders, European Wasps etc)
- Broadscale spraying herbicide (Broadleaf weeds)

Kerb and gutters

When spraying kerb and gutters, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Kerb and gutters adjacent sensitive area such as schools, preschools, hospitals etc will be treated early in the morning and outside school hours. Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide.

Application of pesticides includes:

- Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc)

Saleyards

At the saleyards, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide.

Application of pesticides includes:

- Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc)
- Boom spray herbicides (in small paddocks areas)

Aerodrome

At the airport, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide.

Application of pesticides includes:

- Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc)
- Boom spraying (broadleaf weeds)

Water filtration plant

At the water filtration plant, due to its restricted access to the public, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each spray site requiring the application of pesticide.

Application of pesticides includes:

- Spot spray herbicide (weeds along water edges and fence lines etc)

Sewerage Treatment Plant

At the sewerage treatment plant, due to its remote location and restricted access to the public, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each spray site requiring the application of pesticide.

Application of pesticides includes:

- Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc)

Works Depot

At the works depot, due to its remote location and restricted access to the public, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each spray site requiring the application of pesticide.

Application of pesticides includes:

- Spot spray herbicide (nuisance weeds etc)
- Spot spraying insecticide (Spiders, European wasps etc)

5 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
- Place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority (now a part of the Department of Environment and Conservation)

No notification will be provided unless specifically requested, or the pesticide requires special notification measures to be taken. Kerb and gutters adjacent to sensitive area such as schools, preschools, hospitals etc will be treated early in the morning and outside school hours. Staff and/ or contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide.

6 NOTIFICATION OF 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), Bourke Shire Council Staff and/ or the contractor will, where possible, provide notice by posting signs nearby or other notification as stated by the pesticide product label, at the time of application. If no such notice exists on the product label, Bourke Shire Council will door-knock in that sensitive place and advise people of Bourke Shire Council's actions.

7 PESTICIDE CONTRACTORS AND LESSEES OF PUBLIC PLACES

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

Where persons or organisations hold existing lease on Bourke Shire Council land that remains a public place and if they use pesticides in this area, Bourke Shire Council will still require notification in accordance with the requirements of this plan.

8 WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE PROVIDED

In accordance with clause 11L (2)(g) of the Pesticides Regulation, notice of pesticides uses will include the following information:

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

9 HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

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

- Making a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at its office at 29 Mitchell Street, Bourke
- Placing a copy of the plan on the its website
- Placing a notice in the Western Herald
- Placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette

10 FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

The notification plan will be reviewed every five years or when circumstances require a review of the plan. 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, make recommendations for alterations (if applicable) to the plan

11 CONTACT DETAILS

Anyone wishing to contact Bourke Shire Council to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of pesticide applications in public places should contact Don Mackenzie, Senior Weeds Officer, during normal business hours on 68/308000, email dmackenzie@bourke.nsw.gov.au or access Bourke Shire Council website www.bourke.nsw.gov.au.