

17 January 2020



Dear 

Response to official information request for herbicide use in Public Places and areas controlled by Council.

I refer to your request for official information received 20 December relating to herbicide use in public places and areas controlled by Council. We have processed your request under the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act (LGOIMA) 1987.

The information you requested is enclosed. The questions you specified have been included as numbered headings in bold below, with our response following each heading.

1. ***What guidelines does the Council use for the application of glyphosate-based herbicide (eg Roundup products) on Council owned land, by both council staff and contractors?***
 - Both council staff and contractors are expected to follow the instructions provided by the Safety Data Sheets for each chemical, which outline the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) required and signage notifying the public the area has been sprayed. Porirua City Council Parks contractors are required to supply their methodology when spraying on council land and they are audited to make sure signage is displayed or barriers erected to prevent access.
2. ***Does the Council limit the use of glyphosate in areas that children play?***
 - Yes
3. ***Has Council formally considered a spray-free streets and parks policy in the last 5 years? If so, what was considered and what decision was made?***
 - Not formally, however we have reviewed our thinking a number of times in recent years and decided to continue using appropriate herbicides, in limited amounts, where needed and in accordance with advice from the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
4. ***Does the Council use steam weeding, hot water/foam, 'natural' spray products, and/or mechanical alternatives to glyphosate-based herbicides, and if so what percentage of weed control by each of the alternatives is used?***
 - No
5. ***Does the Council or its contractors have the equipment to carry out steam, hot water/foam weeding? What is owned by Council and what by its contractors?***
 - No

6. ***Does Council keep records of pesticides including herbicide volumes used annually, if so could these be supplied. If more comprehensive records are not maintained, what quantity of glyphosate-based herbicides does the Council and its contractors use each year on Council owned land?***

- The Parks team have a comprehensive list of all chemicals that we have in stock, this is updated annually as required to by law. Day to day use of chemical is recorded by each staff member. We are unable to provide these logbooks, as they are in active use by our staff, however I have attached the most recent annual stocktake in formation indicating our annual chemical usage. For the last 365 days the Parks team used around 430 litres of Glyphosphate.

7. ***Does Council differentiate vegetation control methods between areas open to the public and other Council owned land?***

- Yes, all Council owned land and open spaces are individually assessed as to which weed control method is most appropriate.

8. ***Does Council use glyphosate-based herbicides for aquatic and surrounds vegetation control? What other herbicides are used in aquatic and surrounds vegetation control?***

- We use Weedmaster540 up to within 1m of a waterway margin. Greater Wellington Regional Council require that herbicides are not introduced to the aquatic environment.

9. ***What monitoring of herbicides residues is undertaken by Council or other agencies in public residential areas, aquifers, drinking-water source points and water supplies controlled by Council? Please supply results of all such monitoring.***

- None

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this decision. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602. The address for the Office of the Ombudsman is PO Box 10152, Wellington 6143. If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact [details of contact person].

Ngā mihi



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Manufacturer	Item	HSNO Class	Qty	Location
Parks Chemical Inventory list				
Agpro	Haloxyfop 100	6.1E,6.4A,6.9B,9.1B	10L	Chemical Shed
Agpro	Glufosinate 200	3.1D, 6.1E, 6.4A, 6.8B, 6.9A, 9.1c, 9.2b, 9.3C	18L	Chemical Shed
Agpro	Triclop 600	6.1D, 6.3B, 6.4A, 6.5B, 6.9B, 9.1A, 9.2A, 9.3C	19L	Chemical Shed
Agpro	Glyphosate 360	6.1D, 6.4A, 9.1B	20	Chemical Shed
Agpro	Picloram	6.4, 6.5B, 9.1C, 9.1D, 9.2A	14L	Chemical Shed
Agpro	Bentazone	6.1D, 6.4A, 6.5B, 9.1C, 9.3C	5L	Chemical Shed
Agpro	Lawn double gold	3.1D, 6.1D, 6.3B, 6.4A, 6.5B, 6.9B, 9.1A, 9.2A, 9.3C	3L	Chemical Shed
Bayer	Confidor	6.1E, 6.3A, 6.3B, 9.1A, 9.2B, 9.3B,9.4A	5L	Chemical Shed
Dow AgroSciences	Grazon	6.1D,6.3B,6.4A,6.5B,6.9B,9.1A,9.2A,9.3C	10L	Chemical Shed
Dow AgroSciences	Tordon BRUSHKILLER	3.1D,6.1D,6.3B,6.4A,6.5B,6.9B,9.1A,9.2A,9.3C	60L	Chemical Shed
Etec	Super Sprout Stop	9.2A	8L	Chemical Shed
Etec	Trakka Red	6.3B,6.4A	29L	Chemical Shed
Etec	X -Tree Basal	6.1E,6.3B,6.4A,6.5B,6.9B,9.1A,9.2A	18L	Chemical Shed
Key industries	Dust2Dust	6.4A, 6.5B, 6.9B, 9.1A, 9.4B	10 Kg	Chemical Shed
Key industries	Pindone	6.9B, 9.1D	10 Kg	Chemical Shed
Kiwicare	Carbaryl	6.1, 6.1C, 6.7B , 6.9B, 9.1A, 9.2B, 9.3B, 9.4A	1Kg	Chemical Shed
Nufarm	Pulse Penetrant	6.1D,6.4A, 6.9B, 9.1B	38L	Chemical Shed
Nufarm	Glyphosate 540	9.1B	110L	Chemical Shed
Nufarm	Agritone 750	6.1D, 6.9A, 8.3A, 9.1A, 9.2A,	18 L	Chemical Shed
Nufarm	Conquest	3.1D, 6.1D, 6.3B, 6.4A, 6.5B, 6.9B, 9.1A, 9.2A, 9.3C	200	Chemical Shed
Nuturf	Pro-Film 904	non chemical	4L	Chemical Shed
Ravensdown	Eliminate	6.1D, 6.3B, 6.4A, 6.5B, 6.9B, 9.1A, 9.2A, 9.3C	8L	Chemical Shed
SC Johnson	Water retention crystals	non chemical	20kg	Chemical Shed
Sipcam	Saprol	3.1D, 6.1E, 6.3A, 6.4A, 6.8A, 6.9A, 9.1D, 9.3C	6kg	Chemical Shed
Sipcam	Terrazole	6.1D, 6.3A, 6.4A, 6.7B, 6.8B, 6.9B, 9.1A, 9.3C	3 Kg	Chemical Shed
Syngenta	Bravo weatherstik	6.1B, 6.3B, 6.4A, 6.5B, 6.7B, 6.9A, 9.1A, 9.2B, 9.3B	4L	Chemical Shed
TMK PACKERS LTD	Moss and Mould killer	6.1E,6.3A, 6.4A, 6.5A, 6.5B,6.9B, 9.1B	20L	Chemical Shed
Turf culture	Smackdown	3.1D, 6.1E, 6.3B, 6.4A, 6.9B, 9.1A, 9.2A	1/2L	Chemical Shed
Yates	Copper Oxycloride (powder)	6.1D, 6.4A, 6.5B, 6.9B, 9.1A, 9.3C	10L	Chemical Shed
Yates	Supershield	6.8B, 9.1A	-	Chemical Shed
Yates	Guardall	6.1D,6.5B,6.6B,6.7B,6.9B,8.3A,9.1A,9.2C,9.3C	empty	Chemical Shed
Yates	Sheild	9.1C, 9.4C	600ml	Chemical Shed
Yates	Lime Sulphur	6.1E, 6.3A, 6.9, 8.3A, 9.1B	18L	Chemical Shed
Zelam	Tag G2	6.1E,6.4A, 6.8B, 6.9B, 9.1A, 9.2A, 9.3C	20 L	Chemical Shed
Zelam	Yield	6.1C, 6.5A, 6.5B, 6.9B, 8.2C, 8.3A, 9.1A, 9.3B	5 L	Chemical Shed
Yates	Bravo 500F	6.1B, 6.3B, 6.4A, 6.5B, 6.7B, 6.9A, 9.1A, 9.2B, 9.3B	4L	Chemical Shed
Nufarm	Supersil	6.1D,6.4A, 6.9B, 9.1B	30L	Chemical Shed
Adna	Trexel	3.1D, 6.3A, 6.4A, 9.1A, 9.2D	20L	Chemical Shed
Agpro	De-Tox	6.1D, 6.3A, 9.1A, 9.3C	10L	Chemical Shed
Bayer	Nortron	9.1B, 9.2A,	5L	Chemical Shed
Agpro	Rainetheet	9.1B, 9.2A,	5L	Chemical Shed
Evans Turf Supplies Ltd	Gti Shortstop 200 SC	6.1D, 6.3B, 6.4A, 6.8B, 6.9B, 9.3C	5L	Chemical Shed
Sumitomo	Nominee	6.1E, 6.9B, 9.1A, 9.2A	2L	Chemical Shed
Lonza	Quantum	6.9B, 9.1A, 9.2C	1L	Chemical Shed
Streetworks Chemical Inventory list				
A1	Pleasant Plus	NA	20L	Flammable Shed
A1	Algae Control	NA	20L	Flammable Shed
A1	AC Bite	6.1D,6.1E,8.1A,8.2B,8.3A,9.1D	25L	Corrosive Shed
A1	Masonry Clean	6.1D,8.1A,8.2B,8.3A,9.3C	20L	Corrosive Shed
A1	Oven & Grill	8	40L	Corrosive Shed
A1	Vandal Nightmare	3.1D,6.1E6.3A,6.4A,6.5B,6.8A,9.1B,9.2C	20L	Flammable Shed
A1	Vandal Nightmare SEMI SAFE	3.1D,6.1E6.3A,6.4A,6.5B,6.8A,9.1B,9.2C	20L	Flammable Shed
A1	Vandal Nightmare MULTI PURPOSE	3.1D,6.1E6.3A,6.4A,6.5B,6.8A,9.1B,9.2C	20L	Flammable Shed
A1	Concrete, stone and brick	3.1B,6.1E,6.5B,8.1A,8.2B,8.3A,9.1B,9.2C	20L	Corrosive Shed
A1	D-Solv-It	3.1B,6.3A,6.4A,6.5B,9.1A,9.2B	20L	Flammable Shed
Andrew	Mineral Turps	3.1C,6.1E,6.3A,6.4A,6.6A6.7A,6.8B,6.9,6.9B,9.1C9.1D	5L	Flammable Shed
Cyndan	Concrete wash	8	45L	Corrosive Shed
Cyndan	Farm mate	8	25L	Corrosive Shed
Cyndan	Refusal	3,6.1	40L	Flammable Shed
Cyndan	Algae-Died-B	NA	20L	Corrosive Shed
Cyndan	Super Spice	6.3B,9.1D	5L	Flammable Shed
Cyndan	Tile cleaner	6.1,8	35L	Corrosive Shed

We advise the following threshold levels for hazardous classes involving Class 6.1A (50 litres or 50kg) 6.1B (250kg/250 litres) & 6.1C (1000 litres /1000kg) and hazardous class 8.2A (50kg/50 litres) and class 8.2B (250kg/250 litres) will require a compliance location certificate effective from 1 December 2019. Please check your inventory to ensure if the above substances are held on site the threshold levels are determined.

