



Notification Plan for Pesticide Use

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Definitions

Pesticide – any substance or mixture of substances used to destroy, suppress or alter the life cycle of any pest. These include herbicides, insecticides, fungicides & rodenticides.

Sensitive Places – in accordance with the Pesticides Regulation 2017 a sensitive place is defined to be any of the following:-

- A school, pre-school, kindergarten, or childcare centre,
- A hospital, community health centre, or nursing home,
- Or any place declared to be a sensitive place by the NSW Environmental Protection Authority.

Introduction

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation (2017) (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 Blayney 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 as fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, molluscicides, nematicides, rodenticides, algaecides etc.

Council aims to ensure 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 all the instructions on the label are followed, 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 and keeping records of application.

The majority of pesticide used by Council staff and contractors consists of the application of herbicides for weed control (noxious weeds and grass on town streets etc) and application of insecticides to manage insect pests (Spiders etc). The seasonal conditions and prevailing weather conditions have a major influence on any control work carried out.

The plan sets out how Council will notify members of the community when required 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 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 Council staff.

Public Places Covered By This Plan

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 Blayney Shire Council Local Government Area:

- public parks, gardens areas and playgrounds,
- sporting fields and ovals,
- playgrounds,
- road and laneway verges,
- laneways and pathways,
- bush/regeneration reserves,
- drains, wetlands and waterways
- camping areas,
- showgrounds,
- swimming pool buildings and grounds,
- cemeteries,
- waste water treatment plant and other facilities,
- Council buildings.

Blayney 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 is summarised in the following table.

Public places owned or controlled by Council	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Public parks, garden areas and playgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council maintenance staff • Young families with children • Elderly people • General recreational users (joggers, dog walkers, picnickers) 	Medium to High (frequent use by multiple users with short to medium stays)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot spray ecofriendly Glyphosate herbicide • spot spray insecticide • spot spray fungicide • broadscale selective herbicides • broadscale spraying insecticides
Sporting fields and ovals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council maintenance staff • Sporting clubs & associations • School groups • General recreational users (joggers, dog walkers) • Spectators 	Low to Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot spray ecofriendly Glyphosate herbicide • spot spray fungicide • broadscale herbicides • broadscale insecticides
Road & laneway verges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council maintenance staff • Adjoining landholders & residents • General users (dog walkers, cyclists & joggers) 	Low to Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot spray ecofriendly Glyphosate herbicide • broadscale herbicides • broadscale insecticides
Pathways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council maintenance staff • General users (joggers, dog walkers, & cyclists) 	Medium to High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot spray ecofriendly Glyphosate herbicide
Bush/regeneration reserves	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Landcare/Bushcare Groups • Council maintenance staff • General recreational users (joggers, dog walkers) • School groups • Animals 	Low to Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot spray ecofriendly Glyphosate herbicide

Public places owned or controlled by Council	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Drains, wetlands and waterways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council maintenance staff • Local residents living adjacent to a drain or waterway • School groups • General users (joggers and dog walkers) 	Low to High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot spray ecofriendly Glyphosate herbicide
Camping areas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council maintenance staff • Young families and children • Elderly people • General recreational users (joggers, dog walkers) • Holiday makers • Animals 	High to Very High (frequent use by multiple users)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot spray ecofriendly Glyphosate herbicide
Showgrounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council maintenance staff • sporting and equestrian clubs • show societies • families • Animals 	Low to Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot spray ecofriendly Glyphosate herbicide
Swimming pool buildings and grounds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council maintenance staff • Young families and children • School groups • Holiday makers 	Low to High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot spray ecofriendly Glyphosate herbicide
Cemeteries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council maintenance staff • Elderly people • Young families and children • Animals 	Low to Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot spray ecofriendly Glyphosate herbicide • broadscale herbicides • vermin control (baiting rabbits etc)

Public places owned or controlled by Council	Regular user groups	Level of use of public place	Type of pesticide use
Waste water treatment plant & other facilities Pump stations and deodorising beds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council maintenance staff • Couriers • School groups • Maintenance contractors 	Low to Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot spray ecofriendly Glyphosate herbicide • woody and brush weed herbicide • broadscale selective herbicides
Exteriors and interiors of Council buildings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Staff • Couriers • Customers • Elderly people • Young families and children • General members of the public • School groups 	Low to High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot spray insecticide
Blayney Waste Management Facility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Staff maintenance staff • General Public • Contractors 	Low to Med	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • spot spray ecofriendly Glyphosate herbicide • spot spray insecticide • feral animal control

Notification Arrangements

This section of the plan describes how and when Blayney Shire Council will provide notice of pesticide use in public places, including special measures for sensitive places 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 Blayney 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 and are likely to use these areas regularly.
- The extent to which activities generally undertaken in these areas could lead to some contact with pesticides (such as picnic areas, sporting or other recreational activities that result in contact with the ground).
- Type of pesticides used.

How and When Information Will Be Provided

Notification will be as follows;

Public parks, garden areas and playgrounds

For public parks & garden areas, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff or contractors are not to allow public to enter treated areas until spray has dried. 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 include;

- Ecofriendly glyphosate herbicide (garden beds, gravel paths, broadleaf weeds etc).
- Spot spray insecticide (Spiders etc).
- Spot spray fungicide (applied to plants and tubers etc).
- Broadscale herbicide (broadleaf weeds etc).
- Broadscale insecticide (turf eating insects like African Black Beetle etc).

Sporting fields and ovals

For sports fields and ovals, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff or contractors are not to allow public to enter treated areas until spray has dried. 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 include;

- Ecofriendly glyphosate herbicide (garden beds, gravel paths, broadleaf weeds etc).
- Spot spray insecticide (Spiders etc).
- Spot spray 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 or contractors are not to allow public to enter treated areas until spray has dried. Staff and 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 avoiding non-target spray drift damage.

Application of pesticides include;

- Ecofriendly glyphosate herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites & nuisance weeds etc).
- Spot spray insecticide (Spiders etc).

- Boom spraying (vegetation growth on road shoulders).

Pathways

In pathways, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Pathways adjacent sensitive area such as schools, preschools, hospitals etc will be treated early in the morning and outside school hours. Staff or contractors are not to allow public to enter treated areas until spray has dried. 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 include;

- Ecofriendly glyphosate herbicide (noxious weeds & nuisance weeds etc).
- Spot spray insecticide (European Wasps etc).

Bush/regeneration Reserves

In reserves, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff or contractors are not to allow public to enter treated areas until spray has dried. Herbicide treatment adjacent to vineyards and orchards will be carried out prior to bud swell or after the fruit has finished avoiding non-target spray drift damage. 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 include;

- Ecofriendly glyphosate herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites & nuisance weeds etc)
- Spot spray insecticide (European Wasps etc).

Drains, wetlands and waterways

In drains and other easements, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff or contractors are not to allow public to enter treated areas until spray has dried. Staff and contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide.

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

When baiting of vermin such as rabbits, staff and contractors will adhere to all conditions (including signage) for that particular pesticide.

Application of pesticides include;

- Ecofriendly glyphosate herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites & nuisance weeds etc)
- Spot spray insecticide (European Wasps etc)
- Boom spraying (broadleaf weeds).
- Baiting vermin.

Camping areas

At camping areas, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff or contractors are not to allow public to enter treated areas until spray has dried. 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 include;

- Ecofriendly glyphosate herbicide (fence lines, tree sites & nuisance weeds etc)
- Spot spray insecticide (European Wasps etc)

Showgrounds

In the showgrounds, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff or contractors are not to allow public to enter treated areas until spray has dried. 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 include;

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

Swimming pool buildings and grounds

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 include;

- Ecofriendly glyphosate herbicide (fence lines, tree sites & nuisance weeds etc).
- Spot spray insecticide (Spiders etc).

Cemeteries

At the cemeteries, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff or contractors are not to allow public to enter treated areas until spray has dried. Staff and contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide. When baiting of vermin such as rabbits, staff and contractors will adhere to all conditions (including signage) for that particular pesticide.

Application of pesticides include;

- Ecofriendly glyphosate herbicide (noxious weeds, tree sites & nuisance weeds etc).

- Spot spray insecticide (European Wasps etc).
- Baiting vermin.

Wastewater treatment plant and other facilities

At the sewerage treatment plant, due to its remote location and restricted access to the public, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested.

Other wastewater facilities shall be considered in the context of their surrounding environment, and those provisions as outlined above shall be used.

Staff or contractors are not to allow public to enter treated areas until spray has dried. Staff and contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each spray site requiring the application of pesticide.

Application of pesticides include;

- Ecofriendly glyphosate herbicide (nuisance weeds etc).
- Woody and brush weed herbicide (bracken, blackberry etc).
- Spot spray insecticide (European wasps etc).

Council buildings

At all Council buildings, no notice will be provided unless specifically requested. Staff or Contractors are not to allow staff or the public to enter treated areas until spray has dried. Staff and contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each spray site requiring the application of pesticide.

Application of pesticides include;

- Ecofriendly glyphosate herbicide (nuisance weeds etc).
- Spot spray insecticide.

Note:-

Where certain pesticide applications occur outside or next door to an adjoining Sensitive Place, notice is to be provided with at least 5 working days' notification prior to targeted application.

Sensitive Places

No notification will be provided unless specifically requested, or the pesticide requires special notification measures to be taken. Kerb and gutters adjacent to a Sensitive Place such as schools, preschools, hospitals and nursing homes will be notified one week prior to work being carried out, and will be treated when the least amount of foot traffic occurs, where possible. Staff and contractors will adopt best management practices taking into account the particular conditions of each site requiring the application of pesticide.

Sensitive places in the Blayney Shire Council Local Government Area are listed in **Annexure A**.

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), Blayney Shire Council or its 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. Signs (where erected) will remain in place until the application has been completed or as per product label requirements.

If no such notice exists on the product label, Blayney Shire Council will door-knock in that sensitive place and advise people of Council's actions.

Pesticide contractors and lessees of public places

Where Blayney Shire 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 Blayney Shire 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.

What Information Will Be Provided

In accordance with clause 41 (h) of the Pesticides Regulation 2017, notice of pesticides use 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 Council officer who people can contact to discuss the notice.

A Notification shall be provided utilising the form at **Annexure B**.

How The Community Will Be Informed Of This Plan

Blayney 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 main office at, Blayney Shire Council, 91 Adelaide St, Blayney.
- placing a copy of the plan on the Blayney Shire Council web site www.blayney.nsw.gov.au.

Future Reviews Of The Plan

The notification plan will be reviewed every 5 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.

Record Keeping

Record details will be kept of pesticide applications within 24 hours of using it and an electronic copy will be kept of this record for 3 years.

The specific circumstances of an emergency pesticide application will be kept in records.

Contact Details

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

Blayney Shire Council
91 Adelaide Street
BLAYNEY NSW 2799
Phone (02) 63682104
www.blayney.nsw.gov.au

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Annexure A – Sensitive Places List

Name	Type	Address	Telephone
Blayney Public School	Primary School	Lindsay Street, Blayney	6368 2154
Blayney High School	High School	Water Street, Blayney	6368 2100
St Josephs Primary School	Primary School	Adelaide Street, Blayney	6368 2243
Blayney Pre School	Pre School	17 Lindsay Street, Blayney	6368 2601
Blayney Early Learners	Pre School	84 Adelaide Street, Blayney	6368 2401
Millthorpe Little Learning Centre	Pre School	2 George Street, Millthorpe	5301 3117
Carcoar Public School	Primary School	13 Icely Street, Carcoar	6367 3032
Lyndhurst Public School	Primary School	8 Russart Street, Lyndhurst	6367 5016
Mandurama Public School	Primary School	48 Loquat Street, Mandurama	6367 5103
Millthorpe Public School	Primary School	32 Park Street, Millthorpe	6366 3104
Neville Public School	Primary School	8 Crouch Street, Neville	6368 8488
Uralba Retirement Village	Aged Care Facility	5 Eulamore Street, Carcoar	6367 3000
Christ Church Retirement Village	Aged Care Facility	Cnr Church & Henry Streets, Blayney	6368 2065
Lee Hostel Retirement Village	Aged Care Facility	1 Queen Street, Blayney	6368 3388
Blayney District Hospital	Hospital (Public)	Osman Street, Blayney	6368 9000

Annexure B – Notification



Notice of intended pesticide application

To be used when giving prior notice

Date or dates of pesticide use:*

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

Full name of pesticide product(s):

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The pest(s) to be treated are:

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Where the pesticide(s) will be applied:

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Re-entry period restrictions (if any):

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The pesticide will be applied by:

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Pest controller contact number(s):

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About this notice:

Under the Pesticides Regulation 2017, at least five working days' notice must be provided before a licensed pest management technician (pest controller) uses:

- pesticides to treat any common areas of a multiple-occupancy property
- spray or liquid pesticides adjacent to a sensitive place. See the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) website for more information.

You may request a copy of a safety data sheet for the pesticide(s) from the pest controller.

Date of this notice:

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