



PESTICIDE NOTIFICATION PLAN

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 1995 (the Regulation). The plan sets out how Auburn City 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. For the purpose of this pesticide notification plan, the definition of a pesticide will be the same as defined under section 5 of the Pesticides Act 1999 (appendix 1)

This Plan Covers:

- 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 plan with Council.

Council only uses pesticides and similar chemicals in public places when necessary to eliminate 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, especially turf dwelling pests and fungicide to control fungal disease in turf. Frequency of programmed applications ranges from 6–8 times per year for sports fields, 2–5 times per year for parks and gardens and twice yearly for public thoroughfares. 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 rodenticides, bird baits and large vertebrate baits.

Further information on Auburn City Council's pesticide use can be obtained by calling the Recreational Parks Supervisor on 9735 1222 or by visiting Auburn City Council's website, www.auburn.nsw.gov.au

2.0 PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

Auburn City 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 Auburn City Council Local Government Area:

- Parks
- Public gardens
- Playgrounds
- Picnic areas
- Sporting fields and ovals
- Public land owned or controlled by Auburn City Council including:
 - Road verges and reserves
 - Laneways and pathways
 - Road, rail, utility or other easements accessible to the public
 - Drains
 - Golf courses
 - Other sporting facilities (specify)
 - Camping grounds

- Commons
- grounds of government schools or TAFE facilities.

Although not required by the Regulation, this notification plan will also provide information on how notice will be provided to the community of pesticide use in the interiors of the following publicly accessible Auburn City Council buildings or throughout the listed facilities:

- Auburn Library – Corner Queen & Susan St
- Botanic Gardens Kiosk – Corner Chisholm Road & Chiswick Road, Auburn
- Civic Centre – Corner Queen & Susan St
- Council Works Depot – 5 Chiswick Road, Auburn
- Early Childhood Centre – 9 Northumberland St
- Lidcombe Library & Community Centre – 3 Bridge Street, Lidcombe
- Long Day Care Centre – 9 Northumberland Street, Auburn
- Newington Community Centre – Corner Avenue of Asia & Avenue of Europe, Newington
- Occasional Child Care Centre – 12 Station Road, Auburn
- Regents Park Library – Amy Street, Regents Park
- Auburn Lidcombe Swimming Centre – Church Street, Lidcombe
- Women's Rest Centre – Rawson Street, Auburn

Auburn City 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.

3.0 NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

This section of the plan describes how and when Auburn City 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 Auburn City Council's, assessment that:

- 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) 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:

- Temporary and permanent signs
- Information on Council's website (which will describe programmed, reactive and emergency pesticide use in public places) and will be publicised in rate notices;
- Press Release in the "Auburn Review" for large routine pesticide application periods

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. 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 (or general information on Council'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 hand-held spray bottle. *(Note: in the following section of the plan, council can refer either to categories of public places, or to specific public places. In this worked example, categories have been used.)*

3.1 How and when notice of pesticide and other chemical use will be provided

Notification procedures will be common between most of the areas where Auburn City Council applies pesticides and other chemicals. Unless otherwise stated, the routine application procedure for pesticide and other chemicals is as follows:

	Situation type	Medium for Notification	Method for notification	Duration
1	Routine	Local Newspaper The Auburn Review	Application areas and dates published in the public notices section	At least two weeks prior to application taking place
2	Routine	www.auburn.nsw.gov.au	Control Copy of the "Pesticide and other chemicals Notification Plan" available online	At least two weeks prior to applications taking place

3	Routine	www.auburn.nsw.gov.au	Community Bulletin board of upcoming application areas and dates	At least two weeks prior to applications taking place
4	Routine	Localised Signage	Permanent signage located at an entrance and/or along the limits of the area where pesticides are applied. In addition, portable signage may also be used.	During Application and until exposure period expires
5	Emergency	Localised Signage	Temporary signage located at an entrance and/or along the limits of the area where pesticides are applied. In addition, portable signage may also be used.	During Application and until exposure period expires

3.1.1 Auburn Botanic Gardens

For the Auburn Botanic Gardens, in addition to the regular notification types, the ticket box attendant will be provide verbal advice to visitors that spraying has occurred. MSDS information will also be available on request at the ticket box.

3.1.2 Passive Parks

In Passive parks where no permanent pesticide signage exists, temporary signage will be used exclusively. The signage will be located at the entrance and/or along the limits of the park where the pesticides have been applied. These will be kept in place during the application and until the exposure period expires

3.1.2 Golf courses

For golf courses, permanent signage will be put in place at the three entrances to the golf course. Further information on pesticide use shall consist of signs posted near the application area or at the tee of the relevant fairway for at least 48 hours afterwards and at least 48 hours beforehand on the notice board at the Pro Shop:

- broad-scale selective herbicides
- broad-scale non-selective herbicides
- broad-scale insecticides
- fungicides
- spray ant control
- large vertebrate baiting (in addition to notice requirements of the label and any relevant permits).

Information on the quarterly forward program for the above applications as well as the general information on following types of pesticide uses shall be available in a printed brochure in the Pro Shop:

- spot herbicides
- spot insecticides
- bait ant control.

3.1.3 Auburn City Council Works Depot

For the Auburn City Council Works Depot, notice will be provided to staff through the bulletin board, notice board and where appropriate through consultation between supervisors and depot staff. Pesticide application will be undertaken, when possible, on a day when the least amount of day-labour staff are present in the Auburn City Council works depot (ie Rostered Day Off). Signage will also be present for routine and emergency situations.

3.1.4 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, or,
- Place declared to be a sensitive place by the Environment Protection Authority NSW (now a part of the Department of Environment and Conservation NSW).

Special notification measures for programmed pesticide use in public places adjacent to properties identified as sensitive places will consist of written notification in the form of a letter to the administrator of the facility. A list of these properties is provided as Appendix 2.

3.1.5 Notification of emergency pesticide applications

There are 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) or turf pests or disease (which presents an immediate risk to assets). During these applications, signage will be erected and kept in place until the exposure period (as determined in the MSDS) has expired. If in the event of such information not being available on the MSDS form, Council will follow the manufactures' recommendation.

3.1.6 Pesticide contractors and lessees of public places

Where Auburn City Council uses contractors to apply pesticides on its behalf, they must comply with the requirements of this notification plan.

Where persons or organisations hold an existing lease on Auburn City Council owned land that remains a public place, they must ensure that pesticide application fulfils the notification requirements and notify Council of any proposed actions.

3.2 Signage

Where Auburn City Council chooses to use signage, permanent or otherwise, for routine or emergency pesticide application regimes, signage will be located at an entrance and/or along the limits of the area where pesticides are applied. The signage will be put in place prior to any application and will remain in place at least until the exposure period (as determined in the MSDS) has expired. If in the event of such information not being available on the MSDS form, Council will follow the manufactures' recommendation.

4.0 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,
- 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 places 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, and,
- Any warnings regarding re-entry to or use of the place, if specified on the pesticide product label or the APVMA² permit.

5.0 HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

Auburn City Council will advise residents of this plan and its contents by:

- Making a copy of the plan available for viewing, free of charge, at the foyer of the Council Administration building, 1 Susan Street, Auburn, and at the Public Libraries of
 - Lidcombe – (address)
 - Regents Park – (address)
- Placing a copy of the plan on the its website
- Placing a notice in the Auburn Review

6.0 FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

The notification plan will be reviewed every three years or when circumstances require a review of the plan. The review will include:

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- 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.

7.0 CONTACT DETAILS

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

**Recreational Parks Supervisor
Cnr Chisholm and Chiswick Roads, AUBURN, NSW 2144**

**PO Box 118,
AUBURN,
NSW 1835**

ph: (02) 9735 1222

fax: (02) 9643 1120

or access the website www.auburn.nsw.gov.au

² The Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority (APVMA), the national government body responsible for assessing and registering (or otherwise approving) all pesticide products in Australia and for their regulation up to and including the point of retail sale.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: excerpt from the *Pesticides Act 1999*.

Section 5, Meaning of “pesticide”

- (1) In this Act, **pesticide** means:
- (a) an agricultural chemical product within the meaning of the Agvet Code, or
 - (b) a veterinary chemical product (within the meaning of the Agvet Code) that is represented as being suitable for, or is manufactured, supplied or used for, the external control of ectoparasites of animals.

Note. The Agvet Code defines an “**agricultural chemical product**” to be a substance or a mixture of substances that is represented, imported, manufactured, supplied or used as a means of directly or indirectly:

- (a) destroying, stupefying, repelling, inhibiting the feeding of, or preventing infestation by or attacks of, any pest in relation to a plant, a place or a thing, or
- (b) destroying a plant, or
- (c) modifying the physiology of a plant or pest so as to alter its natural development, productivity, quality or reproductive capacity, or
- (d) modifying an effect of another agricultural chemical product, or
- (e) attracting a pest for the purpose of destroying it.

The term also includes insect repellents for use on human beings.

- (2) For the purposes of this Act, a pesticide continues to be regarded as a pesticide even when it is mixed with some other substance (whether or not the other substance is a pesticide). However, a pesticide does not include a prescribed mixture or a mixture of a prescribed class or description.

Note. Subsection (2) generally deals with the situation where a pesticide is diluted, or is mixed, before being used. The effect of the provision is that the mixing of a pesticide does not mean that it is no longer a pesticide.

Appendix 2: Sensitive Places

Schools	Address	Phone
Auburn North Public School	Adderley St, Auburn 2144	9748 1036
Auburn North Infants	Adderley St, Auburn 2144	9748 2478
Auburn Public Schools	Cnr Auburn Rd & Beatrice St, Auburn 2144	9646 2200
Auburn West Public School	Cnr Chiswick & Chisholm Rds Auburn 2144	9649 6774
Berala Public School	32 Auburn Rd, Berala 2141	9649 7146
Lidcombe Public School	John St, Lidcombe 2141	9649 7576
Newington Public School	Newington Boulevarde, Newington 2127	9748 7933
Regents Park Primary School	1 Auburn Rd, Regents Park 2143	9644 2404
Alfaisal College	149 Auburn Rd, Auburn 2144	9749 4449
Auburn Adventist Primary School	3 Macquarie Rd, Auburn 2144	9649 5279
Minda School	Joseph St, Lidcombe 2141	9646 0731
St Joachim's Primary School	7 Mary St, Lidcombe 2141	9646 1310
St John's Primary School	Cnr Queen and Alice Sts, Auburn 2144	9649 3045
Sule College	21-25 Queen St, Auburn 2144	9649 4434
St Peter Chanel Primary	43 Regents St, Regents Park 2143	9644 9083
St Joseph the Worker Primary	2 New St Auburn 2144	9646 1434

Child Care, Preschool and Family Day Care	Address	Phone
Ana Kindergarten	50 Susan St, Auburn 2144	9643 1666
Auburn Long Day Child Care Centre	17 Northumberland Rd, Auburn 2144	9735 1261
Banana Child Care Centre	9 Hall St Auburn 2144	9643 5029
Auburn Pre-school	96 Adderley St, Auburn 2144	9737 0214
Barnados Long Day Child Care	20-24 Kerr Pde, Auburn 2144	9646 2770
Betty Elaine Kindergarten	93 Platform St, Lidcombe 2141	9649 2906
Cornwall Cottage	25 Cornwall Rd, Auburn 2144	9643 8811
Lidcombe Pre-school kindergarten	151 John St, Lidcombe 2141	9649 6379
Love and Care	35 North Pde, Auburn 2144	9649 0246
Eminem Kids Academy	59 Mary St, Auburn 2144	9646 1650
Newington Child Care Centre	Avenue of Europe, Newington 2127	9648 2202
Ngalia SDN	East St, Lidcombe 2141	9749 7575
The Park Pre-school	6 Maunder St, Regents Park	9649 4248
Regents Park Pre-school Kindergarten	52 Amy St, Regents Park 2143	9644 9794
Saint Joseph's Child Care Centre	29 Mary St, Lidcombe 2141	9649 8374
Tiny Feet Pre-school	24 Matthew Rd, Lidcombe	9649 2909
ABC Pre-school	21 Harrow Rd, Auburn 2144	9646 2735
Berala Jack and Jill Pre-school	106 Cambridge St, Berala 2141	949 3341
Barnardos Family Day Care	20-24 Kerr Pde, Auburn 2144	9649 7766
Kidz Paradise Early Learning Centre	115 Harrow Rd, Auburn 2144	9643 5009
Kids Early Education	60 Alice St, Auburn 2141	9643 2213

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Nursing Homes and Aged Care Homes	Address	Phone
Berala Nursing Home	15-17 St Johns Ave, Auburn 2144	9644 9226
Canberra Nursing Home	21 Mary St, Lidcombe, 2141	9649 8829
Glenn Lynn Nursing Home	54 Northumberland Rd, Auburn 2144	9649 7746
St Joachim's Nursing Home	43 Church St, Lidcombe 2141	9649 7783
Auburn Aged Day Care Centre	Cnr Auburn Rd & Waters St, Auburn 2144	9563 9851
Henvington House	19 Henvington Rd, Auburn 2144	9563 9792