

PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN 2018



For the Campuses of
Callaghan, Newcastle City,
Ourimbah, Taree, Tamworth,
Armidale, Moree, Coffs Harbour
and Port Macquarie

INTRODUCTION

THIS PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PESTICIDES REGULATION 2017 (THE REGULATION).

The University of Newcastle is committed to working safely with chemicals and has established performance standards to ensure there is a consistent approach to managing chemical risks. Our pesticide use is subject to these chemical performance standards so that pesticides are handled in a safe, responsible manner which minimises harm to our staff, the community and the environment.

This pesticide use notification plan explains how The University of Newcastle will notify members of the community about pesticide applications on its public places, with the aim of providing the community with information that enables them to avoid potential contact with pesticides.

The plan describes:

- the type of public places covered by the plan and communities who regularly use them
- how and when the University 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 the notification arrangements
- how future reviews of the plan will be conducted
- contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan.

This notification plan applies to all staff, contractors and tenants of the University of Newcastle. The pesticides considered in the plan include insecticides (for treating insects); herbicides (for treating weeds); fungicides (for treating fungus and mould) and rodenticides (for treating rodents).

The pesticide use notification plan has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 2017.

PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

The University of Newcastle proposes to use pesticides in the following categories of outdoor public places that it owns or controls across its campuses.

- Garden and lawns
- Sporting fields, courts and ovals
- Walkways
- Footpaths and verges for roads and avenues within the campus
- Car parks, grandstands and toilets
- Designated bushland zones across the Callaghan and Ourimbah campuses

PUBLIC PLACES	REGULAR USER GROUPS	LEVEL OF USE OF PUBLIC PLACES	TYPE OF PESTICIDE USE
Gardens and lawns (e.g. IRC lawn)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · General public · Students · Staff · Contractors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · High · High · High · Medium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Spot insecticides or herbicides · Broad scale selective or non- selective herbicides · Broad scale insecticides · Fungicides · Spray treatments · Spray ant control · Rodenticides
Sporting fields, courts and ovals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · General public · Students · Staff · Contractors · Sporting teams 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Medium · Medium · Medium · Low · High 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Spot insecticides or herbicides · Broad scale selective or non- selective herbicides · Broad scale insecticides · Fungicides · Spray treatments · Spray ant control · Rodenticides
Walkways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · General public · Students · Staff · Contractors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · High · High · High · Medium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Spot insecticides or herbicides · Broad scale selective or non- selective herbicides · Broad scale insecticides · Fungicides · Spray treatments · Spray ant control · Rodenticides
Verges for roads and avenues within the campus (e.g. ring road)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · General public · Students · Staff · Contractors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · High · High · High · Medium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Broad scale selective or non- selective herbicides · Broad scale insecticides · Fungicides · Spray treatments · Spray ant control · Rodenticides
Car parks, grandstands and toilets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · General public · Students · Staff · Contractors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Medium · High · High · High 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Spot herbicide or insecticides · Bait insecticides and rodenticides
Designated bushland zones across the Callaghan and Ourimbah campuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · General public · Students · Staff · Contractors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Low · Low · Low · Medium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Spot selective herbicides

EXPLANATION OF USER GROUPS

GENERAL PUBLIC

Community members visiting the grounds or buildings, commuters passing through the campus, people attending functions (e.g. graduation of community events) and neighbouring residences.

STUDENTS

The University's students, while they are on campus for their coursework.

STAFF

The university's staff, including academics, professionals and support staff.

CONTRACTORS

Trades and professionals carrying out their work on campus.

SPORTING TEAMS

cricket, football, soccer, basketball and other sporting playing organised games or training on the sports fields.

EXPLANATION OF LEVEL OF USE

High – Daily

Medium – Weekly

Low – Annual (or less frequently)

CAMPUSES

The University of Newcastle has a network of campuses in Newcastle and regional NSW. The campuses, including residential accommodation, that have outdoor public places where pesticide application have notification requirements are:

- Newcastle city
- Callaghan
- Ourimbah
- Armidale
- Moree
- Coffs Harbour
- Port Macquarie
- Tamworth
- Taree

NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS

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

These notification arrangements are based on The University of Newcastle assessment of the risks involved with the pesticides, the likelihood of exposure and the sensitivity of possible receptors.

HOW NOTICE OF PESTICIDE USE WILL BE PROVIDED

Notification of pesticide use may be carried out in the following ways:

- Through this Pesticide Use Notification Plan
- Signs erected at the entry to areas where pesticides are being applied
- An email notice to relevant staff, tenants or students (see Pesticide use without notification below)
- Placing a copy of the plan on the University of Newcastle website:
newcastle.edu.au/current-staff/working-here/our-work-environment/buildings-and-spaces

Additional information is available by request:

- An annual schedule of pesticide application
- A Safety Data Sheet (often known as an SDS or MSDS) for particular pesticides

The specific method of notification for the different public places are:

Gardens, lawns, playgrounds, sporting fields, courts and ovals, designated bushland zones

Mobile signs will be placed at the main entries (area should have sign at both ends e.g. entry and at end of designated works area) to the area immediately prior to the application. The signs will remain in place during the application and until the end of the Period of avoidance specified by the pesticide manufacturer.

Sporting groups, clubs, regular hirers, and occupiers of adjacent sensitive facilities including children's day care centres will be provided with electronic notification of the Universities annual program of pesticide application.

Walkways, footpaths and verges for roads and avenues within the campus

Signs will be displayed on the vehicle, spray cart or equipment as it is applying the pesticide. Mobile signs will also be placed at an approximate 200m spacing (or smaller where required) along the walkway, footpath or verge immediately prior to the application and remain in place until the end of the period of avoidance specified by the pesticide manufacturer.

Pesticide use without notification

There will be no notification for the use of small quantities of pesticides applied for the minor control of indoor and outdoor insect pests using baits or aerosol cans; and spot weed control using brush, wand or handheld spray bottle (e.g. for cut and paint work), or backpack spraying not exceeding one litre of concentrate of herbicide per operator per day. It will also apply to the application of small quantities of pesticides to control Insect, rodent and mollusc baiting in garden beds, car parks, grandstands or public toilets.

Emergency pest control

Emergency pesticide applications may be required occasionally to treat health hazards such as biting, stinging or venomous insects or rodents. The potential pests could include wasps, bees, rodents, spiders, fleas and mites. In these emergency cases the normal notification will not be followed. When it is possible, a single sign will be placed in the immediate area of application. If necessary, people in the area will be alerted to both the health hazard and the pesticide application, particularly when it is close to a sensitive place.

Additional notification for sensitive places

Extra notification is planned for sensitive places that are on or within 20m of a campus. The Pesticides Regulation defines sensitive places to include schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, hospitals, community health centres or nursing homes. If you would like to be included as a sensitive place, please contact us (contact details are listed at the end of this plan).

We have considered the following sensitive areas, where written correspondence with 2 weeks prior notice will be provided, when preparing the notification plan.

CHILDCARE CENTRES

CALLAGHAN Kintaiba child care centre
 Kooinda work-based child care centre
 Wonnyayba child care centre

OURIMBAH Child Care Centre

EXTERNAL PROVIDERS OF SERVICES TO THE UNIVERSITY

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

NOTIFICATION FORMAT

When a notification is required, and in accordance with clause 20(1)(h) of the Pesticides Regulation 2009, the notice of pesticide 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 University contact who people can contact to discuss the notice, and
- 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 permit.

HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

The University of Newcastle will advise the public of this Plan and its contents by:

- making a copy of the Plan available at The University of Newcastle's Services Building office
- placing a copy of the Plan on the University of Newcastle website
- placing a notice in the Newcastle Herald
- placing a notice in the NSW Government Gazette

REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

The notification plan will be reviewed every five (5) years from the Document date or when circumstances require a review of the plan.

CONTACT DETAILS

Anyone wishing to contact The University of Newcastle to discuss the notification plan or to obtain details of pesticide applications in public places should contact Infrastructure and Facilities Services by phone: (02) 4921 6500; or by email: IFS-ops@newcastle.edu.au



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