



POLICY TITLE: INSECT AND PEST CONTROL - CITY LANDS

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Policy:

The City recognizes the dangers associated with the use and handling of pesticides. It is the City's objective to use non-chemical means to control pests or vegetation whenever possible.

When chemical means of control are authorized the following procedures will apply:

1. Application of pesticides will be done by certified trained municipal employees or licensed contractors.
2. When contractors are used they must be certified applicators and hold a current license. They must also provide a minimum of \$2,000,000 liability insurance including coverage for pollution, clean up costs, contamination or other acts of negligence. The City should be named as an Additional Insured.
3. Whenever pesticides are used appropriate public notices will be sent notifying area residents 3 days prior to the application. Signs will also be posted at the sites stating the date of the application and the name and nature of the pesticide used.
4. The following minimum precaution will be taken with respect to storage:
 - Storage of pesticides should be kept to minimum quantities.
 - Storage should be in a well-secured separate storage building, with adequate ventilation and a control switch outside the storage area.
 - Pesticides must be stored away from heat, moisture or freezing. Use original containers with clearly legible labels only. Under no circumstances should pesticides be removed from the original manufacturer's container. If the label is not clear do not accept from supplier. Always leave sufficient room between the chemicals to prevent interaction.
 - The storage room should be locked at all times when not in use. Use should be restricted to those individuals who have been trained and certified to use pesticides. Data sheets in accordance with WHMIS will be kept and be clearly visible.
 - The store room will have a first aid kit.

5. The following minimum precaution will be taken with respect to Transportation:

- Pesticides will be transported in undamaged, labelled, closed and secured containers and in compliance with the “Transportation of Dangerous Goods Program”.

6. The following minimum precaution will be taken with respect to application:

- Applicators must have a valid Pesticide Applicator Certificate.
- Applicators will use protective clothing at all times when applying chemicals.
- Pesticides will be used in accordance with label instructions.
- Before any pesticide is applied, a determination will be made whether the application may cause any contamination to streams, rivers, lakes or other fresh water sources causing injury or death to fish or other wild life and if so, the application will not be made.

Rationale:

The City of White Rock wishes to demonstrate that balanced against the nature and quality of the risk involved, the City of White Rock’s system of Pesticide Control is reasonable in light of all circumstances including budgetary limits, available personnel and equipment and the criteria of wanting to meet the standard duty of care.