

Resource Management Plan – Summary sheet – Wellington Region as at August 2007

Relevant Plan	Wellington Regional Air Plan
Status of Plan	Operative - Currently being reviewed
Relevant rules	Rule 1 – Land based application Rule 2 - Aerial
Any relevant Appendix	App 4 – On farm burning of Agrichemical containers
Any relevant definitions	Agrichemical Agrichemical sprays Agrichemical powders Best practicable option Boundary of property Drift Label Open water surface body Production land Public amenity areas Public areas Residue Re-entry period
Any prohibited rules	None

Definitions

Agrichemical: any substance, whether inorganic or organic, manufactured or naturally occurring, modified or in its original state, that is used in any agriculture, horticulture, forestry, management of public amenity areas, or related activity, to eradicate, or control flora or fauna. Fertilisers are explicitly excluded from this definition.

Agrichemical powders: fine granules of agrichemicals.

Agrichemical sprays: agrichemicals applied under pressure in liquid form.

Best practicable option: in relation to a discharge of a contaminant or an emission of noise, means the best method for preventing or minimizing the adverse effects on the environment having regard, among other things, to—

- (a) The nature of the discharge or emission and the sensitivity of the receiving environment to adverse effects; and
- (b) The financial implications, and the effects on the environment, of that option when compared with other options; and
- (c) The current state of technical knowledge and the likelihood that the option can be successfully applied.

Boundary of the property: the legal title boundary of the property or generally recognised boundary between different types of activities.

Drift: the movement of airborne particles of spray or dust away from the site of application.

Label: in relation to a container of a pesticide, means any written, pictorial, or other descriptive matter marked on or affixed to the container.

Open surface water body: a surface water body with an average bed width of 3 metres or more, which is not covered by a canopy of vegetation.

Production land (a) Means any land and auxiliary buildings used for the production (but not processing) of primary products (including agricultural, pastoral, horticultural, and forestry products):
 (b) Does not include land or auxiliary buildings used or associated with prospecting, exploration, or mining for minerals, and "production" has a corresponding meaning.

Public amenity areas: public areas, including public roads, which allow people access to services and an appreciation of an area's pleasantness, aesthetic coherence and cultural and recreational attributes. These include parks, reserves and wildlife areas, public gardens, golf courses, bowling greens, playing fields and public walkways.

Public areas: areas to which the public have free and easy access.

Re-entry period: the recommended elapsed time for readmission into any area where agrichemical applications have been made, without wearing suitable protective equipment (NZS 8409:1999).

Residue: the amount of pesticide remaining in or on a crop or in the soil.

Permitted activity conditions	What the local Plan requires – include references to the part of the rule
Type of use	Land based a) hand operated manually pumped less than 20 litres b) any other means of application except not located within 50 m of adjacent properties or places of public assembly c) as for b) but within 50 m of adjacent properties d) in public area by any method of application Plan conditions 1-6 apply for a) and b), Plan conditions 1-8 apply for c) Plan conditions 1-6 and 9 -11 apply for d) Aerial application sprays and powders Nine specific Plan conditions to be met
Area of use	Varies according to type of activity - 50m from adjacent property, within 50m adjacent property, public areas and roads
Nature of applicator	
Certain agrichemicals	
Comply with manufacturers instructions	Land based –condition 3. Aerial spraying condition 2: Spray solutions are diluted, and sprays and powders are applied, strictly in accordance with the manufacturers' instructions and at concentrations not exceeding the manufacturers' label recommendations.
Drift beyond the boundary	Land based: condition 5, Aerial condition 9: Application that will not cause or is not likely to cause adverse effects beyond boundary of the property Aerial condition 8 Wellington Regional Council is notified immediately in the case of any emergency release, or accidental discharge.
Status of NZS8409	NZS 8409 1999 Referred to in Objectives and Policies only

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Qualifications or training	Land based: Condition 9 – for public places principal contractor to hold GROWSAFE Advanced Certificate, employees to hold GROWSAFE Standard certificate Aerial application: Pilot to hold Chemical rating
Notification	Land based - Condition 7: required when within 50 m of adjacent property unless written agreement that notification not required. The nature of notification described in the conditions Aerial – Condition 6: required when within 300 m of adjacent property unless written agreement that notification not required. The nature of notification described in the conditions
Spray Plan	Land based - Condition 7 - when within 50 m of adjacent property. Condition specifies content of spray plan Aerial – Condition 6 when within 300 m of adjacent property. Condition specifies content of spray plan
Signage	Land Based –Condition 10 -11 for public areas and roads
Records	Land based - Condition 8: when within 50 m of adjacent property a spray diary required, details specified Aerial – Condition 7: when within 300 m of adjacent property a spray diary required, details specified
Public places or amenity areas or sensitive areas	Land based – Conditions 9-11 for public areas and roads
Storage	
Mixing sites	Land based - Condition 4, Aerial Condition 3: no mixing within 20m of water bodies unless impervious and bunded
Applications to or near water	Land based Condition 1, – no application on or above water unless the agrichemical registered for that use Aerial condition 4 no application on or above water unless the agrichemical registered for that use; condition 5 All practicable steps are taken to avoid release of agrichemical over other open surface water (see Definitions) or wetland of one hectare or more unless the agrichemical is registered for use over water bodies. Discharges into water – under Freshwater Plan – require consent
Disposal	