



PESTICIDE USE NOTIFICATION PLAN

INTRODUCTION

This Pesticide Use Notification Plan (EMS 8.1.11) has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Pesticides Regulation 2009 (the Regulation). The plan sets out how TAFE NSW Northern Sydney will notify members of the community of pesticide (and herbicide) applications it makes or allows to be made to public places that it owns or controls.

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 public authorities. The plan allows members of the community to take action to avoid contact with pesticides, if they wish. TAFE NSW Northern Sydney ensures that pesticides are applied to public places in a safe, responsible manner, minimising harm to the community or the environment.

This plan describes:

- The public places to which it applies.
- The estimated level of use of campus grounds by members of the public.
- How and when TAFE NSW Northern Sydney will provide the community with information about its pesticide applications in public places (for example, what notification arrangements will be used).
- How the community can access this plan and get more information about TAFE NSW Northern Sydney's notification arrangements.
- How future reviews of the plan will be conducted.
- Contact details for anyone wishing to discuss this plan with TAFE NSW Northern Sydney.

1. PUBLIC PLACES COVERED BY THIS PLAN

TAFE NSW Northern Sydney operates at locations throughout Northern Sydney. This Pesticide Use Notification Plan applies to outdoor pesticide applications at the locations set out in the Table 1 below.

TAFE NSW Northern Sydney uses pesticides for educational purposes and for location maintenance. In general:

- We use the least toxic chemical possible.
- Integrated pest management is always used – this combines activities other than spraying to reduce chemical usage.
- Where practicable spraying is undertaken in off peak periods.

Table 1: TAFE NSW - Northern Sydney Institute Locations

LOCATION NAME	ADDRESS
St Leonards	213 Pacific Highway St Leonards, NSW 2065
Meadowbank	See Street Meadowbank, NSW 2114
Northern Beaches	154 Old Pittwater Road Brookvale, NSW 2100
Ryde	250 Blaxland Road Ryde, NSW 2112
Hornsby	205 Peats Ferry Road Hornsby, NSW 2077
Crows Nest	149 West Street Crows Nest 2065
Epping	Chelmsford Ave Epping 2121

In addition, TAFE NSW Northern Sydney has an unoccupied site at Belrose adjacent to the Garigal National Park. DP 874509, D.P.536909, D.P 752038

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2. CONTACT USE AND RISK ASSESSMENT 2.1 CATEGORIES AND RISK

Table 3 describes the categories of outdoor locations where pesticides are typically used within TAFE NSW Northern Sydney grounds, with an estimate of the level of public usage by members of the public, of each area.

Table 3: Categories of public place and estimated usage within the TAFE NSW locations.

AREA	GROUP	CONTACT USE
Lawns and paved areas adjacent to outdoor seating	Students	Medium
	Staff	Medium
	Contractors	Low
	General public	Low
Lawns / grassed areas	Students	Medium
	Staff	Medium
	Contractors	Low
	General public	Low
Garden beds, landscaped areas and public use herb pots (not lawns)	Students	Low
	Staff	Low
	Contractors	Low
	General public	Low
Horticultural and agricultural areas used for educational purposes (greens, turf, vegetable gardens, patio kitchen gardens, vineyards, orchards, nurseries, and general landscaped areas)	Students	Low
	Staff	Low
	Contractors	Low
	General public	Low
Belrose nature site	Students	Low
	Staff	Low
	Contractors	Low
	General public	Low
Exterior of buildings and ground	Students	Low

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AREA	GROUP	CONTACT USE
immediately adjacent to buildings	Staff	Low
	Contractors	Low
	General public	Low
immediately adjacent to buildings	Students	Medium
	Staff	Medium
	Contractors	Low
	General public	Low

2.2 SENSITIVE AREAS ON OR ADJACENT TO TAFE NSW NORTHERN SYDNEY LOCATIONS

The notification arrangements set out in Section 3.3 of this plan apply to the following sensitive areas.

Table 4 SENSITIVE AREA LOCATION RELATIVE TO TAFE NSW NORTHERN SYDNEY LOCATIONS

TAFE NSW Crows Nest Child Studies Centre	Crows Nest
TAFE NSW Meadowbank Children's Centre	Meadowbank Building N
TAFE NSW Hornsby Children's Centre	Hornsby Building N
North Shore Private Hospital	Adjacent to North-East boundary of the St Leonards location (contact Dominic May, Commercial Manager)

The notification rules apply to outdoor spraying of pesticides or outdoor injection of liquid pesticides into the ground within 20 metres of any property that has a common boundary with a sensitive place.

There is no requirement to give notice of other sorts of pesticide use such as use of solid baits.

There is also no requirement to give notice for indoor treatments on adjoining properties.

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3. NOTIFICATION ARRANGEMENTS AND INFORMATION PROVIDED

Notification encompasses both prior to and during the event: general staff and student email, notices on doors and noticeboards, and re-locatable signs immediately adjacent to the application area. This section of the plan describes how and when TAFE NSW Northern Sydney will provide notice of pesticide use in public places, including:

- general notification requirements for medium and low use areas on TAFE NSW Northern Sydney locations
- additional notification requirements for high use or high contact areas on TAFE NSW Northern Sydney locations
- additional notification requirements for sensitive places
- notification measures for small applications and emergency pest control.

These notification requirements are based on TAFE NSW Northern Sydney's assessment of:

- the level of usage of outdoor areas on locations where pesticides may be used
- the extent to which members of the public who are most likely to be sensitive to pesticides (for example, 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 areas where food is consumed or other recreational activities that result in contact with the ground)
- type of pesticide used.

These notification arrangements apply to TAFE NSW staff, contractors and anyone else using pesticides (and herbicides) on TAFE NSW Northern Sydney location grounds.

3.1 NO NOTIFICATION

- There is no planned notification for:
- small applications of commonly used household pesticides, less than five litres of made up spray
- cut and paint techniques herbicide application
- drill and frill techniques herbicide/poison application
- spot weeding with Glyphosate or other herbicide, but only when with both a single nozzle applicator and indicator dye.

3.2 GENERAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LOW AND MEDIUM CATEGORY AREAS ON TAFE NSW NORTHERN SYDNEY LOCATIONS

The notification arrangements described in this section apply to the following categories of outdoor area, provided that usage is considered to be low:

a) No email

b) At least two re-locatable signs will be placed immediately adjacent to the application area, prior to commencement, and kept in place for the duration of the application. Signs will be located so they are easily seen by passers-by. The signs will be removed once the application is completed, unless the period of avoidance required by the pesticide manufacturer is still current (in which case signs will be removed once the avoidance period has expired). The signs will contain the following information:

- the date and time of pesticide application
- the area to which the pesticides will be applied
- the full product name of the pesticide being used (and active ingredient if possible)
- the purpose of the use (for example, to kill weeds or insects)
- a phone number and email address for the person who can be contacted for further information about the pesticide application
- any warnings on the pesticide label about how long the area must be avoided after a pesticide application.

3.3 GENERAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR HIGH CATEGORY AREAS ON TAFE NSW NORTHERN SYDNEY LOCATIONS

The notification arrangements described in this section apply to the following categories of outdoor area, provided that usage is considered to be high. There are no current areas or event categorised as high, but this may change in the future or maybe a decision made by the location manager due to a specific application.

a) An email will be sent to all staff of that location at least 24 hours before pesticide application occurs or as soon as practicable after the intention to apply pesticides is notified but before the application commences. The email will contain the information set out in (b) below. Where applications are dependent on weather or other conditions the email will indicate the time period during which application is anticipated to occur.

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b) At least two re-locatable signs will be placed immediately adjacent to the application area, prior to commencement, and kept in place for the duration of the application. Signs will be located so they are easily seen by passers-by. The signs will be removed once the application is completed, unless the period of avoidance required by the pesticide manufacturer is still current (in which case signs will be removed once the avoidance period has expired). The signs will contain the following information:

- the date and time of pesticide application
- the area to which the pesticides will be applied
- the full product name of the pesticide being used (and active ingredient if possible)
- the purpose of the use (for example, to kill weeds or insects)
- a phone number and email address for the person who can be contacted for further information about the pesticide application
- any warnings on the pesticide label about how long the area must be avoided after a pesticide application.
- contact name and number.

Where available and practicable, central noticeboards used by staff and students will have a notice in place 24 hours prior to the application occurring containing the information set out in (b) above.

3.4 ADDITIONAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SENSITIVE PLACES

A number of sensitive places are located on or adjacent to TAFE NSW Northern Sydney locations. These sensitive places are listed in Table 4. In addition to the notification arrangements set out in Section 3.1 the following arrangements will apply when pesticide application occurs on or adjacent to sensitive areas.

a) The manager, principal or other contact person for the sensitive place will be notified in writing (or alternate contact method as nominated by that person) at least one week before planned use of pesticides in or near the area.

b) The notification will contain the following information:

- where the pesticide will be used
- the full product name of the pesticide that will be used (and active ingredient if possible)
- the purpose of the use (for example, to kill weeds or insects)
- the proposed date/s of use. Where it is not possible to provide a specific date, then a range of dates of when an application will take place should be given

- a phone number and email address for the person who can be contacted about the proposed use
- any warnings on the pesticide label about how long the area must be avoided after a pesticide application.

c) Application will not take place until confirmation has been received by the contact person that the notification has been received.

3.5 NOTIFICATION MEASURES FOR SMALL APPLICATIONS AND EMERGENCY PEST CONTROL MEASURES

TAFE NSW Northern Sydney uses small quantities of some pesticides for weed and insect control that are widely available in retail outlets and ordinarily used for domestic purposes (including home gardening). When less than one litre of concentrate (or one packet) of such pesticides are applied on any given day, no notice will be given provided the following conditions are met:

- application is conducted using hand held sprays or baits readily available for domestic purposes at retail outlets
- application is not carried out within 10 metres of students or staff using outdoor areas unless students and staff present at the time of the application are advised verbally.

In cases where emergency pesticide applications 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) one sign will be placed in the immediate area for the duration of the pesticide application and staff working in nearby buildings will be notified by email. The sign will indicate that pesticide application is currently occurring and will contain the following information:

- name of the pesticide (and active ingredient if possible)
- purpose of application
- significant health warnings associated with the pesticide
- the expected duration
- a contact name and phone number of a person who can provide further information.

These measures only apply to emergency applications. When planned pesticide applications are carried out for control of insects the notification measures described in Section 3.2 apply.

Every attempt will be made to notify the contact person for a sensitive area prior to the small or emergency applications of pesticides in or near sensitive areas.

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4. HOW THE COMMUNITY WILL BE INFORMED OF THIS PLAN

TAFE NSW Northern Sydney will advise the public of this plan and its contents by:

- copy of the plan on the its website
- notice in the Northern District Times, North Shore Times, Mosman Daily, Manly Daily, Hornsby Advocate
- notice in the NSW Government Gazette

5. FUTURE REVIEWS OF THE PLAN

This plan will be reviewed every five years or when circumstances require a review of the plan. The review will:

- Be undertaken by the Institute Environmental Sustainability Committee.
- Will include a review of incidents logged that impact on pesticide use notification.
- May return for public consultation if the review requires fundamental changes to the plan.

6. CONTACT DETAILS

Anyone wishing to contact TAFE NSW Northern Sydney to discuss this Pesticide Use Notification Plan or to obtain details of pesticide applications on TAFE NSW Northern Sydney locations:

Manager Environment Sustainability
TAFE NSW Northern Sydney

Phone 9942 0548 or 131 674

APPENDIX A

Typical pesticide use email notification (example only).

Pesticide application will take place around the outside of block A, B and C, up to and including the first floor level windows, and the car park surrounds between the buildings.

The pesticide use, Brand Name XX, an insect killer, is being used to minimise wasps.

The date next week, on the 1st week of holiday, between Monday and Wednesday, if not raining.

Any question contact campus manager VV... 1234 3456.

The area can be used immediately after the pesticide application.

APPENDIX B - TYPICAL

Typical pesticide use sign notification (example only, typically laminated for reuse).

PESTICIDE IN USE

TO CONTROL

Date

Time

For further information, call customer service.