



# Midsomer Norton Town Council

## Risk Assessment Form – Spraying and Storing Pesticides

Activity: Spraying and Storing Pesticides		Assessment Date: August 2024	Review Date: August 2025		
Hazard	Persons Affected and Risk	Controls	Risk Score	Further Controls	Risk Level
<b>Decanting Chemicals</b>	Employee/Operative  Personal Injury - Inhalation/Contact with Chemicals	Gloves and Overalls used when decanting the substance.  Funnels used when decanting substances.  Goggles issued to all operatives and instructions given that they are used when decanting the herbicide.  Eyewash and fully stocked first aid box provided in areas where chemicals are decanted.  Users given appropriate training. Records of training kept.	Medium	Safety data sheet for the substances obtained and COSHH assessment carried out.  Use of PPE provided.  Appropriate equipment provided.  Safe System of Work.  Trained and competent Staff.	Low
<b>Storage</b>	Employee/Operative  Personal Injury – Inhalation/Contact with Chemicals	Chemicals stored in a ventilated room.  Log kept of all pesticides.  Adequate measures taken to ensure storage facilities more secure.	Medium	Appropriate equipment provided.  Safe System of Work.  Trained and competent Staff.	Low

<b>Transportation</b>	Employee/Operative  Personal Injury – Inhalation/Contact with Chemicals	Chemicals packaged in appropriate containers.  Vehicles labelled with appropriate safety signs.  Storage containers secured in vehicles.  Staff wear appropriate protective equipment.	Medium	Use of PPE provided.  Appropriate equipment provided.  Safe System of Work.  Trained and competent Staff.	Low
<b>Use of Equipment</b>	Employee/Operative  General Public  Personal injury – Inhalation/Contact with Chemicals	Only recommended methods of spraying and equipment obtained from reputable suppliers.  Operatives trained in safe use of equipment.  Staff monitored to ensure PPE worn.  Protective equipment hygienically stored and properly maintained and suitable for use.  Regular health monitoring and surveillance of staff.	Medium	Use of PPE provided.  Appropriate equipment provided.  Safe System of Work.  Trained and competent Staff.  Sensitive staff placed on alternative duties to reduce exposure to pesticides.  Regularly inspect and maintain spraying equipment to ensure it is functioning correctly and calibrated for accurate application.	Low
<b>Spraying</b>	Employee/Operative  General Public  Personal injury – Contact with Chemicals	Staff instructed to check area prior to spraying.  Ensured there are no members of public within 30 feet of equipment when it is in use.	High	Use of PPE provided.  Appropriate equipment provided.  Safe System of Work.  Trained and competent Staff.	Low

		<p>Where necessary areas to be sprayed are well attended areas, cordone area off.</p> <p>Notice placed to warn public of any spraying.</p> <p>Maintain detailed records of all pesticide applications, including the type of pesticide, amount used, weather conditions, and any incidents or observations.</p>		<p>Ensure all personnel involved in pesticide application are properly trained and hold relevant certifications</p> <p>Only those with a spraying qualification will spray. Those without qualification may spray only if closely supervised by a qualified individual.</p> <p>Only spray under suitable weather conditions. Avoid spraying during high winds, extreme temperatures, or when rain is expected.</p> <p>Schedule spraying during times when public presence is minimal, such as early mornings or late evenings.</p> <p>Clearly mark treated areas with warning signs and provide information about the pesticides used.</p>	
<b>Assessor's signature:</b>		<b>Clerk's signature</b>			
<b>Date:</b>		<b>Date:</b>			