

EXT 003: 2,4-D HIGH VOLATILE ESTER USE

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Objective:

Guidelines for staff when assessing requests for the use of 2,4-D High Volatile Esters during summer and autumn periods between 1 December and 30 April.

Policy:

A number of different chemical forms of the phenoxy herbicide 2,4-D are registered in Australia. They include:

High volatile esters: 2,4-D ethyl ester, butyl ester and iso-butyl ester.

Low volatile esters: 2,4-D ethyl hexyl ester and iso-octyl ester.

Non-volatile amines: 2,4-D dimethylamine, isopropylamine, diethanolamine, triethanolamine and triisopropanolamine.

This policy relates to the use of high volatile 2,4-D esters (ethyl, butyl and iso-butyl esters) between **1 December and 30 April**.

The use of 2, 4-D High Volatile Esters within the Shire of Esperance during the above period shall:

1. Be carried out in accordance with the applicable PERMIT TO ALLOW USE OF AN AGVET CHEMICAL PRODUCT CONTRARY TO INSTRUCTIONS as issued by the Australian Pesticides and Veterinary Medicines Authority; and
2. Not be permitted within two kilometres of any gazetted townsite within the Shire or sensitive crop/industry (ie. tree farms or nurseries); and
3. Not be permitted within one kilometre of any waterway regardless as to whether such waterway is a sensitive area or not.

Note: the state 10km buffer for grapes and tomatoes still applies, as does the 1km buffer for any sensitive or susceptible areas.

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