

## **PEST/TURF MANAGEMENT CONTROL**

### **Background**

The Division recognizes its legal responsibility to control weeds and pests on its property. This responsibility is best met through procedures which respect the physical environment, supports the utilization of types of property for their intended use, respects the safety of users and are cost effective. An integrated pest management program is the optimum method to meet the Division's responsibility for pest/turf management.

This administrative procedure is to be administered by the Facility Services Department of the Division.

### **Procedures**

1. The purchase and application of pesticides are to be administered by a licensed applicator.
2. The administration of an Integrated Pest/Turf Management system (IPTM) operates through these levels:
  - 2.1 For Broadleaf Control:
    - 2.1.1 Mechanical means are used until threshold levels of tolerance are surpassed;
    - 2.1.2 Spot application of pesticides is used until threshold levels are surpassed;
    - 2.1.3 Broadcast spraying of pesticides occurs only when critical thresholds have been surpassed.
  - 2.2 The following will be a controlled, limited area application:
    - 2.2.1 Non-selective residual total vegetation control, if required, shall be applied during periods of school holidays (e.g. parking lots);
    - 2.2.2 Non-selective, non-residual total vegetation control shall be carried out in June and early July. Additional spot application for problem areas may be required in early August (e.g. fence lines).
  - 2.3 If School Councils wish to assist in the preparation of the Facility Services Department's pest/turf management system for their school, they are to contact the Plant Operations Supervisor. Such participation shall not compromise the Division's legal responsibility for pest control and shall devise systems which are within the financial means for the Division to support.
  - 2.4 If any pesticides are applied to school property, large, visible, weather resistant signs will be posted at the four (4) corners and normal points of access to school property.

- 2.5 If broadcast spraying is applied to school fields, student and public use of the fields will be restricted for two (2) full days past the date of the pesticide application.
- 2.6 Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all pesticides used must be supplied to the Division, Maintenance Department.
- 2.7 At no time will application be permitted immediately before or during regular school hours.
- 2.8 Schools/facilities shall be notified prior to pesticide application.
- 2.9 It is the responsibility of the school/facility to notify affected user groups.

Reference: Relevant Legislation & Guidelines