

62900 Glyphosate and Pesticide Management

Do you or your landscape/ grounds maintenance contractors use glyphosate?

Our Parks and Openspace teams no longer use glyphosate-based products for the control of weeds across The City of Edinburgh Council green estate. The only exception is for the treatment of invasive weeds.

Have you or your contractors used any alternative products or methods to glyphosate for weed control?

If so, what are they?

No alternative products have been used on a wide scale. We have trialled various alternatives including use of hot water and steam methods, alternative natural products which contain chemicals like acetic acid and also various mechanical alternatives – different sweeping and removal equipment. On a large city-wide scale, none have been introduced as a direct replacement.

Has your council's policy regarding use of glyphosate to kill weeds changed in the last 5 years? Are there any plans to change in the future?

Please refer to the attached 2023 Transport and Environment Committee report which outlined the Council's approach to glyphosate use. Within the Parks and Openspace service no glyphosate is used as outlined in A1 above.

Have your grounds maintenance teams or contractors been found to be in breach of Health & Safety Executive Official Controls (Plant Protection Products) Regulations 2020 or Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations 2012 in the last 12 months?

If so, please outline:

the nature of the infringement of each incident and whether it led to of the following:

Improvement Notice

Fee for Intervention

Prosecution

No. Not applicable.