

RISK ASSESSMENT

Department	Place	Unit/Section	Parks & Greenspace
Date of assessment	Feb 2026	Assessor(s)	– staff consultation
What is the activity?	Chemical – transport & use.	Where is the activity carried out?	All working locations

What are the hazards?	Who might be harmed and how?	What are you already doing?	What further action is necessary?	Action by whom?	Action by when?	Done
Injury while transporting chemicals. Chemical spills causing a risk. Environmental impact. .	Operator / Staff Members of the Public	- All operators trained and certificated. - COSHH assessments and data sheets available in Depot. - All chemicals to be transported in a secure enclosed chemical container or a secure and lockable cabinet mounted on the outside of the vehicle. - Cabinets to be locked at all times. - Transported in a vehicle with a bulkhead between cab and the load compartment. - Following equipment to be available; - Relevant danger warning signs - Fire fighting equipment – relevant for the chemical being transported. - Spill kit or absorbent material (i.e. sand). - Sealable impervious container for any leaking containers.				

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		• Appropriate protective clothing for the chemical being transported. • All chemical information available from the product label. • First Aid kit – including eyewash. • If identified on chemical label an emergency transport card (TREM CARD) to be visible inside the vehicle.				
Chemical storage. Injury caused by spillage. Environmental impact.	Operator / staff. Members of the public	• All operators trained and certificated. • COSHH assessments and data sheets available in Depot. • Permanent storage facilities required for storage of over 200lt of chemical. • Permanent storage requires staff with appropriate storage qualification. • Storage – permanent store to be suitable sited. • Have adequate capacity. • Soundly constructed of fire resistant material. • Have suitable entries and exit (where appropriate). • Be capable of containing 110% of the contents of the store in the vent of spillage. • Be dry and frost free. • Be well-lit and well ventilated. • Be marked with appropriate warning signs.				

		• Secure against theft and vandalism. • Be equipped and organised to contain the intended contents. • A full stock record to be kept in the store and a duplicate kept in a separate location. • Detailed plan of chemical store to be displayed. • Appropriate hand wash equipment available. • Routine check of store and contents should be carried out and recorded. • Storage of chemical under 200lt should use the same guidelines as above except no need for qualified store person.				
Chemical application. Injury caused by use. Environmental impact.	Operator / staff. Members of the public	• All operators trained and certificated – PA1 & PA6. • All applications of chemical should be recorded by the operator in their personal spray log and any other service record system • Always read the product label before any transport and application. • Consider choice of application method – where applicable Controlled Droplet Application methods should be used – limit exposure.				

		• Operation in accordance with COSHH assessments – copy available in depot. • Safe, secure and separate storage of all equipment including chemical products, lances and PPE. • Accurate calibration and mixing – double check calibration to reduce risk of excess chemical. • Washing facilities for staff and wash down of equipment and PPE. • Separate storage facilities within depot for all equipment and PPE used for chemical application. • PPE as appropriate and detailed on product label i.e. respiration protection, gloves, eye protection, safety boots and overalls. • Public to be excluded from the immediate area while task is being completed – warning signs, barriers should be used to exclude and to identify spraying operations are in progress. • When working beside waterways apply approved buffer zone to minimise contamination risk.				
Chemical disposal Injury caused by disposal. Environmental impact.	Operator / staff Members of the public	• All operators trained and certificated. • COSHH assessments and data sheets available in Depot. • Reduce the overall amount of chemical waste – consider do you				

		need to use chemical, is there alternative control methods. • Use chemical with a suitable pack size. • Use products with reduced packaging – returnable containers, closed transfer systems (i.e. nomix) or soluble packs. • Disposal of unwanted concentrate; • only purchase what is required, • return excess to supplier, • use an approved hazardous waste disposal contractor. • Disposal of dilute waste; • good planning will reduce amount of waste, • apply to another site or designated waste area, • in a suitable container labelled for disposal by approved waste disposal contractor, • in a lined biobed if available. • Disposal of used pesticide containers; • triple rinse in a designated cleaning area (not drained), • store safely in a designated area until disposed, • use containers specifically designed to be returned and / or refilled by supplier, • use an authorised hazardous waste disposal contractor, take to an authorised disposal site.				
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Manager's name			Signature			
Date	10/02/2026		Assessment review date	Feb 2027		