



The following rules apply for the application of agrichemicals in the area covered by the Wairau/Awatere Resource Management Plan. (This includes all of the land in the Wairau and Awatere valleys and the Council's southern boundary).

DEFINITION

Agrichemical

means any substance, whether inorganic or organic, manufactured or naturally occurring, modified or in its natural state, that is used in any agriculture, horticulture, forestry, viticulture, management of public amenity areas, or related activity, to eradicate, modify, or control flora or fauna.

RULES

The Rules within the Rural Zones 3 and 4 are as follows:

30.1.8.5 Rules for the Application of Agrichemicals

In addition to Rule 30.1.8.3 and Rule 30.1.8.4 the application of agrichemicals to land based activities shall be a Permitted Activity subject to the following conditions:

- 30.1.8.5.1 The application shall be undertaken in a manner which does not exceed any rate, or contravene any requirements specified on the product label.
- 30.1.8.5.2 The application shall be for the purposes of eradicating, modifying or controlling plants, animals or other organisms, and shall not include the disposal of any agrichemical concentrate onto or into land. Nothing in this rule shall authorise the discharge of concentrate onto or into water.
- 30.1.8.5.3 The application of agrichemical shall not result in agricultural spray drift being deposited on any roof or structure used as a catchment for water supply.
- 30.1.8.5.4 The application shall not result in agrichemical spray drift being deposited on any water body.



Rules continued

- 30.1.8.5.5** All reasonable care shall be exercised in the application of agrichemicals so as to ensure that spray drift does not pass beyond the legal boundary of the area of land on which the agrichemical is discharged. Reasonable care shall be deemed to have been exercised when the agrichemical has been mixed and applied in accordance with Part 5 of the “Agrichemical Users’ Code of Practice” (NZS 8409:1995: New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust).
- 30.1.8.5.6** The following qualifications shall be held within 12 months of the Plan becoming operative.
- a) Every contractor undertaking the land-based application of agrichemicals shall be a Registered Chemical Applicator, or hold an equivalent qualification.
 - b) Every pilot undertaking the aerial application of agrichemicals shall hold a current GROWSAFE Agrichemical Rating, or an equivalent qualification.
- 30.1.8.5.7** The property owner or manager shall keep records of agrichemical use in accordance with Section 5.9 - “Agrichemical Users’ Code of Practice” (NZS 8409:1995: New Zealand Agrichemical Education Trust), and shall make such records available to the Council on request.
- 30.1.8.5.8** The property owner or manager shall on the request of the Council or any neighbouring property owner make available for inspection the current programme for the application of agrichemicals on the property.
- 30.1.8.5.9** The applicator shall notify the Council immediately in the case of accidental discharge into a water body.
- Note:** People using agrichemical pesticides may also be required to be approved handlers under the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996. An approved handler is required when a pesticide is highly toxic to people or toxic to the environment.
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