



Pesticide Permits

We regulate many common pesticides in Saanich. If you want to use a pesticide which is not on the approved list of permitted pesticides, you must apply for a permit. These are issued by the Manager of Environmental Services.

Which pesticides can I use without a permit?

- Go here to see the permitted pesticide list ([Schedule A \[PDF - 37 KB\]](#)).
- More often than not, the control of broadleaf weeds like dandelions do NOT meet the above conditions.

In what situation can I apply to use a restricted pesticide?

- Pest infestation puts sensitive ecosystems at risk.
- Your land risks serious economic loss from a pest infestation.
- You are fighting specifically listed invasive species or noxious weeds.

What about dandelions on my lawn?

- More often than not, the control of broadleaf weeds like dandelions do NOT meet the above conditions.

To receive a permit, you must also meet these three criteria.

- The pesticide is allowed under the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Act.
- You must show that this is a last resort. It must meet the principles of Integrated Pest Management.
- Only a certified pesticide applicator may apply the pesticides.

Permit Process

There is no fee to apply for a permit to use pesticides. We encourage you to have Integrated Pest Management accreditation. Conditions for the application of pesticides and requirements for posting signs are part of the permit and bylaw requirements.

The application has 2 parts.

- [Form 1 \[PDF - 16 KB\]](#)— Application
- [Form 2 \[PDF - 50 KB\]](#)— Details

What if my property has more than one owner?

- You need to fill out the [Owners Authorization \[PDF - 37 KB\]](#) form.

Bring your completed application to the Planning Department.

- [See an example of a correctly filled out form \[PDF - 335 KB\]](#).
 - [Pesticide FAQ Sheet \[PDF - 374 KB\]](#).
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