

# **YSO Integrated Pest Management Requirements on Public Fields**

## **PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS BY YSO ON PUBLIC FIELDS**

### **PURPOSE**

This policy establishes oversight procedures over all pesticide applications taking place on public fields by a Youth Sports Organization (YSO) under City Code Chapter 8-1, Article 6. Anticipated applications by YSO must undergo a special approval process to satisfy certain licensing and other requirements before the work can take place. This oversight is essential to ensure that all pest management activities occurring on park land adhere to established IPM based goals and principles and address environmental and safety concerns.

### **BACKGROUND**

Without proper oversight, pest management activities undertaken by non-PARD personnel may lead to regulatory, environmental or safety problems. Park infrastructure, landscapes, and the public may be put at risk, or IPM principles may not be adequately adhered to. The approval process within this policy is not intended to be a hindrance to appropriate and timely work. These procedures are intended to ensure that the best practices are used and problems avoided.

### **REQUIREMENTS**

YSO shall submit a completed *Application for Pesticide Use on Park Land* form to the IPM Program Coordinator or PARD Representative for evaluation before any pesticide application takes place.

This form can be obtained by contacting the Athletic Coordinator at 512-978-2670. Required information details license numbers, materials, methods, equipment, purpose, notification, reporting, and more.

After receiving the completed form, the coordinator shall review the proposal, contact any affected PARD staff, and approve or deny the request based on PARD IPM program principles.

After pesticide application, YSO shall submit a pesticide tracking form. The form can be obtained by contacting the Athletic Coordinator at 512-978-2670.

Details of the required licensing and department oversight for various categories follow.

#### **Employees of commercial pesticide operator companies:**

Employees of commercial pesticide operator companies possessing valid state pesticide applicator licenses will be considered for approval to apply pesticides to PARD property. The applicator license in the state-defined category appropriate for the particular application is

required. Applicators from ECorp must have a license and previous experience and have the division manager approve the treatment plan. The work must occur under the direction of a licensed supervisor.

Contractors must satisfy all of the standard applicable city contractual language pertaining to pesticide applications. These subjects may include safety precautions, liability issues, and other responsibilities. These issues are dealt with in the contract language agreed to before the project commences by both city representatives and the contractor. The performance record of contracting businesses applying pesticides to PARD lands shall also be regularly reviewed by PARD and any other city departments involved. This review shall include an examination of past work and safety performance. All involved departments will disclose pertinent information regarding any performance or safety issues raised from prior projects.

**Employees of partner organizations:**

Full time employees of partner organizations possessing valid state pesticide applicator licenses will be considered for approval to apply pesticides to PARD property. The applicator license in the state-defined category appropriate for the particular site is required and trainee license designations are not sufficient. There must also be direct on-site supervision from a fully licensed city department representative for the duration of the application, e.g. PARD staff.