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Official Information Request No. 9000135173  
(Please quote this in any correspondence)

Mr. Collard

By email: fyi-request-2644-62326fe1@requests.fyi.org.nz

Dear Mr Collard

**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987**

**Re: Council use of herbicides**

I refer to your email, which we received on 22 April 2015, requesting information about council's use of herbicides.

The information listed below organises the herbicides used by the Auckland Council group by the organisation, department, or unit responsible for their use.

**Auckland Transport**

*Areas to be sprayed in May*

AT can only supply the areas to be sprayed in May as the weather, growth and other factors can influence the planned spray areas.

Note: The attached map (Auckland Transport Map.pdf) indicates what is sprayed in which area so it needs to be read in conjunction with the information below.

*South Auckland (East)*

Glyphosate

Pakuranga Heights/Edgewater/Burswood/Golflands and Northern Dannemora.

*South Auckland (Rural)*

Glyphosate

Orere/Kawakawa and Clevedon

*South Auckland (West)*

Glyphosate

Otahuhu/Mangere East -Mangere Bridge Favona

Middlemore/Papatoetoe/Otara/Homai/Wiri

Manukau City/Manurewa/Clendon/Goodwood Heights/Totara Heights

Alfriston/Weymouth/Wattle Downs/Lea Bank/Takanini/Conifer Grove

Hingaia-Karaka/Pahurehure/Papakura/Redhill/Rosehill/Opapeke

*North Auckland (Rural)*

Glyphosate

Warkworth / Martins Bay/ Matakana / Leigh Areas /Snells Beach/Algies Bay/Sandspit

Omaha/Point Wells/Whangateau

Hoteo / Tauhoa/Kaipara Hills/Kaipara Flats / Woodcocks /Warkworth Areas /West Coast

Pohuehue / Ahuroa / Puhoi /Mahurangi West Areas

Waikoukou /Punganui /Dairy Flat / Coatesville Areas

Forestry/ Waitoki/Huapai /Kumeu /Riverhead /Taupaki Areas

### *North Auckland (West)*

Glyphosate

Greenhithe/Wainoni and Schnapper Rock.

West Harbour/ Whenuapai and Hobsonville.

### *North Auckland (East)*

Glyphosate

Waiwera/ Orewa/ Silverdale/ Whangaparaoa/ Stillwater/ Redvale and Okura.

## **Watercare**

Within Headworks and Water Treatment: Herbicides are controlled using processes defined in the Herbicide Spray Manual and limited to the use of Glyphosate. Herbicides are applied by Watercare staff or contractors who are trained in herbicide application, notionally on a monthly basis. Spray application is outside of the Water Catchments for all Headworks and Water Treatment plants. In-catchment weed control is undertaken manually.

Rest of Watercare: Herbicides and weed sprays (such as Glyphosate, Roundup, Tordon, Agpro Terminate) are applied around fence lines, pathways and assets such as pump stations and wastewater treatment plant assets for weed maintenance.

## **Property**

Maintenance contractors use Hit Man and Kiwicare Organic weedkillers for grounds work on council's properties. Both products are organic.

## **Parks (Local and Sports)**

Spraying will be undertaken in many (but not all) of the approximately 4000 parks in the region. Precise timing varies due to weather and available resource levels. The herbicides used are:

Amitrole, Archer, Biosafe, Clopyralid (eg Versatil), Dicamba (Lawn clean), Gallant, Gesaprim, Glyphosate (eg Roundup), Metsulfuron (eg Escort), Nortron, Picloram (Vigilant gel), Propyzamide (Kerb flo), Simazine, Triclopyr (eg Triclop)

## **Biosecurity and Regional Parks**

Glyphosate (eg Roundup), Metsulfuron (eg Escort), Clopyralid (eg Versatil), Ptopyzamide (eg Kerb 500F)

Spraying will be undertaken with most parks to some degree given the quarterly nature of herbicide application. Precise timing varies due to weather and available resource levels.

## **City Parks Services**

City Parks Services maintains all of the reserves in the Central sector of Auckland, and in terms of a forward schedule, edging of turf in most reserves are treated with Glyosphate on a quarterly basis (excepting where they are *mechanically edged*). Clopyralid (*Versatil*) & Metsulfuron-methyl (*Escort*) are used reactively on an as-required basis.

In street environments we also utilise an organic herbicide (*Biosafe*) made from coconut oil approximately every 6 weeks.

## **Stormwater**

### *South Operations*

Herbicides are used for spraying weeds around Stormwater assets in months of May and November.

Herbicides used: Green Glyphosate 510 and Meturon

### *Central Operations*

Herbicides are used for reactive spraying only.

Herbicides used: Glyphosate and Metsulfuron

*North Operations*

Herbicides used for reactive work only.

Herbicide used: Glysofate and Diquat Dibromide

*West Operations*

Herbicides are used for reactive work only.

Herbicides used: Round-up, Diquat Dibromide and Eliminate Brush Killer

I trust that this answers your request and if you have any further queries please contact me on 09 890 8127, quoting Official Information Request No. 9000135173.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "J Stephens". The signature is cursive and fluid.

James Stephens

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