

NO SPRAY REGISTER FOR ROAD FRONTAGES



Dear Resident,

Waitakere City operates a NO SPRAY register. It is a listing of properties whose owners or occupiers do not wish to have spraying on their urban kerbs and footpath edges, or rural road edges and roadside drains. They also wish not to have invasive environmental weed species on the berm or boundary lines with public land treated with herbicide.

What is the control for?

Weed control for road berms, drains and footpaths is for one or more of the following:

- * to control invasive weeds that damage NZ's natural environment - and often spread along roadsides;
- * to reduce fire risk;
- * to protect paved or sealed surfaces from damage;
- * to ensure roadside ditches remain clear and reduce flooding.

Weed control is currently carried out three times annually in rural and urban areas and 4 times annually in the commercial centres.

Who does it?

Herbicide control is undertaken by contractors engaged by Waitakere City Council. These contractors are aware of 'NO SPRAY' addresses and when requested by the resident will contact 'No Spray' residents 24 hours prior to spraying in that resident's street. It would assist the process if an answering service was available for Council's Contractor to leave details of the intended spraying operation near you as only one phone call attempt to residents informing them of intended spraying will occur.

What happens instead - for 'NO SPRAY' addresses?

Residents undertake to maintain the vegetation on the berm themselves, including eradicating invasive/environmental weeds. This is a positive and good faith undertaking and we are happy to work with you. Please note, however, there are serious reasons why this work needs to be done. Should appropriate and timely maintenance not be carried out, Council will be obliged to address the issue with you.

How do I register?

Fill in the 'NO SPRAY Register - Residents Reply' form attached and send it to Council.

How do I cancel or alter my NO SPRAY address details?

Request a copy of the 'NO SPRAY Register - Residents Reply' form from the Call Centre on 839 0400 and send to Council.

Anything else?

- * A list of the plants that are 'noxious' or act in an invasive way is attached. Copies can also be requested by contacting the Call Centre on 839 0400.
- * We may ask you to confirm your details from time to time, to keep this Register up to date and help prevent mistakes.
- * The Regional Council (ARC) and the Ministry Of Agriculture & Forestry (MAF) have powers that allow them to proceed with their weed and pest control activities. They may choose to respect this Register; they are not obliged to do so.
- * Council is active in trying to reduce the quantity and toxicity of the chemicals used in Waitakere. If you or your community have suggestions as to how we could do this in your neighbourhood, please let us know those ideas. Thanks.

For further information, please contact the Call Centre on Phone: 839 0400.

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