



Wilton Town Council

Pesticide Policy

Adopted by Wilton Town Council on 3rd August 2021

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1. Wilton Town Council aims to prohibit the purchase, storage and use of potentially dangerous toxic insecticides, pesticides and herbicides such as, but not limited to, products containing;

- Acephate: An organophosphate insecticide currently registered for use on a variety of field, fruit, and vegetable crops.
- Acrolein: A herbicide used mainly as an algicide.
- HHPs: Are Highly Hazardous Pesticides.
- POPs: Are **Persistent Organic Pollutants**.
- 2, 4-D: **2, 4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid** is a widespread systemic herbicide utilized in the management of weeds with broadleaves.
- Roundup: Roundup is the registered trade mark of a systemic, broad-spectrum glyphosate-based herbicide.

on or in, but not limited to, all parks, allotments, graveyards, cemeteries, lawns and flowerbeds if such land or property is owned or managed by Wilton Town Council.

2. This aim will apply to all contractors working on behalf of Wilton Town Council.

3. That Wilton Town Council aims to use only organic products approved and recommended by the Health and Safety Executive (www.hse.gov.uk) in any necessary effort to control weeds and pests.

4. All relevant Wilton Town Council policies, procedures and grounds maintenance instructions should be amended and updated to include this policy.

5. That advice, guidance and assistance be sought from local and national experts, competent bodies, **Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)** advisory and regulatory notifications regarding the use of any pesticide, herbicide to ensure that it is lawful, environmentally safe and does not pose any danger to staff, volunteers or the general public before the purchase of any such chemicals.

6. Within 30 days of this policy being adopted by Wilton Town Council, any current stocks of insecticides, pesticides or herbicides should be checked to ensure they conform with this resolution and to arrange for the safe and legal disposal of all stocks that do not conform to the spirit and intent of this policy within 60 days of the adoption of this policy.

7. Appropriate professional and certifiable courses will be provided for grounds maintenance staff directly employed by Wilton Town Council, to ensure their and the public's safety in the use of pesticides, insecticides and herbicides that are deemed necessary for the maintenance of Wilton Town Council grounds.