



ASSET MANAGEMENT
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Dear Leanne:

Further to your inquiry, enclosed is a form to register for the Medical Alert Pesticide Program.

As you may be aware, pesticides and herbicides used in Canada are regulated by government at both the federal and provincial levels. Edmonton Asset Management & Public Works has also developed a number of directives aimed at ensuring pesticides and herbicides are used responsibly. All pesticide application is governed by Health Canada and the Pesticide Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA). We meet or exceed PMRA standards. As a courtesy to park users, and in accordance with City Policy and Alberta Environment recommendations, signs are posted for broadleaf herbiciding using 2-4-D products. School sites, playgrounds, park sites, walkways, daycares and communities are signed. All park entry points and/or every 100 metres are signed stating a 48-hour re-entry period.

A major component of our turf management strategy is the application of herbicides. The use of a herbicide (Glyphosate) has been introduced to reduce the task of machine trimming as a cost saving measure. This practice is known as Chemical Trimming and is performed by treating a narrow strip of grass along fence lines and other obstacles with Glyphosate to inhibit grass growth thereby reducing the cost of machine trimming. Our broadleaf herbiciding program consists of treating weed infested turf areas with 2-4-D, Dicamba and Mecoprop to control broadleaf weeds. These treatments are conducted only as required and are not performed routinely.

We have been monitoring public feedback and concerns regarding our current herbiciding practices and, in response, have developed a localized restriction of treatment of City turf area *abutting* residential property. The intent of these programs (Medical Alert Pesticide Program and Herbicide Exemption Request Program) is to provide citizens with the option of maintaining this area themselves without the use of herbicides. Citizens in these programs can withdraw at any time by calling the program co-ordinator.

To register, please complete the attached form and return it to:

Asset Management & Public Works Department
Parks Branch
ATTN: Vegetation Management
9120 - 37 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta
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Should you have any questions or concerns, please call me at (780) 944-5414.

Sincerely,

Gary Chan
Vegetation Management

Enclosure