



## ARE YOU A GREENKEEPER?

- What you must know if you have any involvement in controlling weeds, pests and disease.



### Must Know

There have been and there continue to be significant changes in policy impacting on those involved in weed, pest and disease control. The most significant changes arise from implementation of the Sustainable Use and Water Framework Directives.

Everyone needs to operate at best practice standards if the sector is to stay in control and continue to be able to operate at the required standards.

There are important legal changes as well.

Spraying equipment must be inspected and documentation kept if required by HSE.

### How to find information

The best source of guidance is the Amenity Forum website

[www.amenityforum.co.uk](http://www.amenityforum.co.uk)

It is important that all involved follow the Ten Golden Rules set out on the website and operate to Amenity Assured standards. Failure to operate at these levels creates substantial risk for you and the sector as a whole.

An essential element of policy change is that everyone takes an integrated approach. This involves you being able to demonstrate that for every situation you have considered all possible approaches to control, cultural, pesticide and non-pesticide.

### Key Points

It is a legal requirement that anyone applying pesticides is properly trained and certificated. Similarly anyone purchasing pesticide must ensure that such product is used by properly certificated personnel.

Spraying equipment which requires the operation to be mounted in its operation must hold a National Sprayer Test certificate by November 2016, with routine tests expected thereafter

Only approved chemicals should be used and purchased

Thoroughly recommended is that all staff are engaged in continuous professional development

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