



## Membership Code for the Amenity Forum

1. The Amenity Forum is the Voluntary Initiative for the sector promoting best practice in weed, pest and disease control. It is funded by its membership.
2. Members are expected to fully support, by their actions and deeds, the Forum's primary objective of promoting and encouraging an integrated approach to the proper and responsible use of pesticides and other methods for the control of pests, weeds and diseases. In so doing they will:
  - Act in a responsible manner in all activities related to weed, pest and disease control paying due regard to the interests of users, the community, and the environment, and not do anything which will bring the sector into disrepute.
  - Comply as a minimum, in all respects with the UK laws, regulations and Codes of Practice governing all actions related to weed pest and disease control.
  - Ensure adequate training, certification of, and working practices by, their staff and those of any outside contractors or staff they use.

They also will support all the Forum's key objectives, and activities arising from them

3. Members will have an active interest in the amenity sector and be able to demonstrate that they can support our objectives. In stating this, it is important to stress that, whilst the Forum is keen to encourage developing technologies, it will not actively promote individual products. Its strength derives from it taking a sector wide view.
4. Expanding its size and influence is a major objective of the Forum and members are asked to assist in the recruitment of others.
5. Members are also able to use the Forum's logo on websites, letterheads, business cards and emails.
6. When making presentations or speaking to bodies such as the press, members must ensure that, if they make statements on behalf of the Forum, they have spoken to the Chairman or Secretary prior to doing this. In the Amenity Forum, the Chairman is the only official spokesperson.
7. In the unlikely situation where a member is suspected of a breach of this code, the Chairman will invite comments from the Member and, if for whatever reason, matters cannot thus be resolved, the issue will be referred to the Governance Committee. This Committee will offer the Member the opportunity to present his case. After which, if the Committee is satisfied that a breach of the Code of Practice has occurred, it may decide what action, if any, should be taken in respect of such breach and shall inform the Member accordingly.

Action to be taken may include one or more of the following:

- requiring that the situation be remedied
- requiring assurances that no similar breaches will occur in future;
- recommending to a Meeting of the full Forum that the member concerned should leave the Forum

All members of the Amenity Forum are deemed by virtue of their membership to be committed to follow this code