



Amenity Forum

# Guidance Note

## Check Your Sprayer



## Introduction

### Who Should Check?

Operators should have a clear job responsibility to routinely check their application equipment and either attend to the problem or report to their supervisor. Operators have to adhere to the Code of Practice (CoP) including the duty of care 'to ensure equipment is calibrated and in good condition'. To comply with the CoP an operator must have the appropriate qualification for the equipment to be used.

It is recommended that training should be recorded and is provided by a qualified instructor such as those accredited by Lantra Awards.

For further information on training go to the Lantra Awards web site [www.lantraawards.co.uk](http://www.lantraawards.co.uk) and City & Guilds [www.cityandguilds.com/uk-home.html](http://www.cityandguilds.com/uk-home.html)

### What to Check and When?

A wide range of types of spray equipment is needed in amenity areas to accommodate the specific areas of use. All sprayers should be checked on a regular basis; a useful guide is.

- At the start or change of a programme
- Beginning of the season
- Move to a different location
- Changing product / rate
- Repair or maintenance to sprayer

### How and What to Record?

Records of actions are important both from the point of accountability and useful routine maintenance. It is recommended that managers/operators prepare and use a simple record of checks to all sprayer equipment. The key components of a check record:

- Equipment identification
- Date checked
- Procedure
- Location e.g. on-site, base
- Parts required and fitted
- Name and C&G certification number

NSTS provide an Operator Check Sheet – please visit <http://www.nsts.org/portals/1/NSTSOOperatorCheckSheet.pdf>