

## Guidance Note

### Spraying Garden Pesticides in Urban Areas

Best Practice should be followed when spraying garden pesticides (eg insecticides and herbicides) in very close proximities, particularly in town areas where extra precautions are needed to protect next door neighbours, animals and the general public:

- **Diagnosis the problem** correctly before you attempt to use any chemical sprays
- If you need to spray choose the **correct chemical** for the job, carry out product label instructions carefully
- **Notify all neighbours** well in advance when intended to spray, so that they can take the necessary precautions to protect themselves, their homes and pets, including fish ponds, against any excess drift that might occur
- Use a **low pressure** sprayer to apply the chemical to avoid excess spray drift
- Choose the **correct weather conditions** when intending to spray eg. cool, calm and preferably humid, this also avoids excess drift
- **Protect yourself** by standing upwind to the spray and be **extra cautious** to the surroundings downwind
- Spray preferably **early mornings or dusk** as there might be less people around at these times and, in addition, it is best to apply pesticides avoiding direct sunlight and heat
- Always wear the appropriate **PPE** (personel protective equipment), again check the label for guidance
- **Aim to protect** the following at all times:
  - ~ Waterways
  - ~ Bees
  - ~ Beneficial insects eg. ladybirds, hover flies and other farmers friends
  - ~ Use biospray products if possible, such as soapy water against whitefly, these are non-chemical and always safe for the environment, people, animals, bees and other benefical insects.



Don't forget – always read and follow the pesticide label. If in doubt, please call **Rosie Peters in the Pest Control Section on 24724**, or email on [rosalie-peters@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:rosalie-peters@enrd.gov.sh).