

EcoTender Demonstration 2007/08

Standards for management - Weeds

Information Sheet No. 9

The Department of Sustainability and Environment and the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority (CMA) require that certain minimum standards for weed management be adopted for use under the five-year EcoTender Management Agreements. Where required, landholders will need to commit to undertaking any management actions in accordance with the identified minimum standard(s) below.

- All landholders will be required to comply with requirements to control or eradicate weeds listed under the *Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994*;
- EcoTender Management agreements require the control or eradication of weeds beyond current obligations as established under legislation or as stated in licences or other landholder agreements already in place;
- Management activities will be directed towards eradication of high threat weeds;
- Soil disturbance must be minimised;
- The aim is to control weed populations before seeds are set;
- Herbicide is to be applied during active growth, i.e. avoid periods when plants are drought-stressed;
- Use an aquatic-friendly herbicide around creek-line areas;
- Stagger the removal of weeds (especially woody shrubs such as Boxthorn) that provide fauna habitat where it may otherwise be absent. If possible, plant indigenous shrubs prior to removing the weeds so that there is no net loss of habitat; and
- Always read the herbicide label prior to use.

Please consult your local EcoTender Field Officer if you have any queries.

Health and Safety

It is the responsibility of the landholder and any employees or contractors under their direction to ensure that all weed control works are conducted according to safe minimum standards and in accordance with relevant legal obligations.

Further information

For further information on EcoTender please visit DSE website www.dse.vic.gov.au or CMA website www.ccma.vic.gov.au and search under "EcoTender".

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Woody Weeds	
Felling/ringbarking	Use on trees and large shrubs that won't re-sprout (e.g. pines).
Cut and paint with suitable herbicide	Use on trees and shrubs that are likely to re-sprout from cut stumps. Cut stem and paint cut stump immediately (within 20 seconds) with systemic herbicide (refer to label).
Drill or frill and fill with suitable herbicide	Use on trees and shrubs that are likely to re-sprout. Drill a number of holes or make horizontal cuts at an angle of 45° into the sapwood (moist wood below bark) and immediately fill hole with systemic herbicide (refer to label).
Grasses / Herbs	
Spot-spraying / Wick-wiping	Spraying or wiping selected weeds with appropriate herbicide (refer to label) ensuring that due care is taken to minimise impacts on non-target species (useful for perennial grass/herb control).
Spot-burning	Using a hand-held weed burner before seed set (useful for destroying seed heads of annual/perennial herbs), mindful of environmental conditions.
Slashing and Mowing	May be used to stop seed set and to allow for easier herbicide application (use only where there is a dense weed infestation and where agreed to by EcoTender Field Officer).
Hand weeding	Remove selected plants by hand or chipping (useful where populations are small or where herbicide use is not desirable).
Grazing	Grazing by domestic stock to control the further spread of dense weed infestations and where approved by EcoTender Field Officer. Using grazing as a management tool will require that livestock be kept in a holding paddock outside the site for a minimum period of 24 hours prior to entry to reduce the risk of weed introduction and spread.



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