



Vegetation Management Policy

The PUD's Vegetation Management Program ensures the safe and economical control of vegetation on PUD-owned properties, right-of-ways and facilities, with minimal adverse impact on human health and the environment.

Our Vegetation Management Program is an integrated one that combines manual, mechanical, chemical, biological, and cultural techniques, as appropriate. It is responsive to the concerns of the public, sensitive to the effects on the environment, and complies with state and federal regulations.

The PUD and its contractors use the minimum amount of herbicides in limited areas where no practical alternatives are available. Moreover, the herbicides used are the most benign ones known of those available for the specific control need. The PUD only uses herbicides with relatively low toxicity that are degradable in the environment. No compound is used that has been determined by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health to be carcinogenic, teratogenic, mutagenic, or to cause reproductive harm to humans. Products that have "Danger" or "Poison" as cautions on the label are not used.

When herbicides are used to control vegetation, they are applied:

- ♦ In accord with the directions on the herbicide label;
- ♦ In such a way as to minimize drift or runoff due to wind or rainfall;
- ♦ At distances greater than 50 feet from a body of water or a watershed area and not within 100 feet of a public water supply well site; and
- ♦ To berry-producing plants before blossoming or after berry production.

Customers with questions regarding this policy can contact **Mike Munsterman**, PUD Superintendent of Vegetation Management, either by calling **425-783-5595** during regular business hours or sending an email to mjmunsterman@snopud.com.