



Wicklow County Council

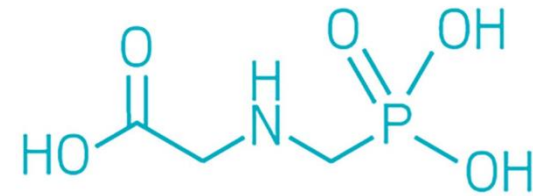
June 13th 2022

Glyphosate Policy





WHAT IS GLYPHOSATE?



Glyphosate

Glyphosate is an herbicide. It is applied to the leaves of plants to kill both broadleaf plants and grasses. The sodium salt form of glyphosate is used to regulate plant growth and ripen specific crops.



Concerns about the use of Glyphosate

- Public concern due to ongoing investigation on whether it has carcinogenic properties.
- It is known to be detrimental to aquatic life.
- Its widespread and sometimes indiscriminate use is linked to a loss of biodiversity and studies indicate it is linked to the loss of key pollinators including bees.



All Ireland Pollinator Plan 2021-2025

- WCC became a partner in 2020.
- *Objective 2 Making Public Land Pollinator Friendly. By working together with Councils, Transport Authorities, Local Communities and others, we want to better co-exist with biodiversity and help return food and shelter for pollinators to our island*

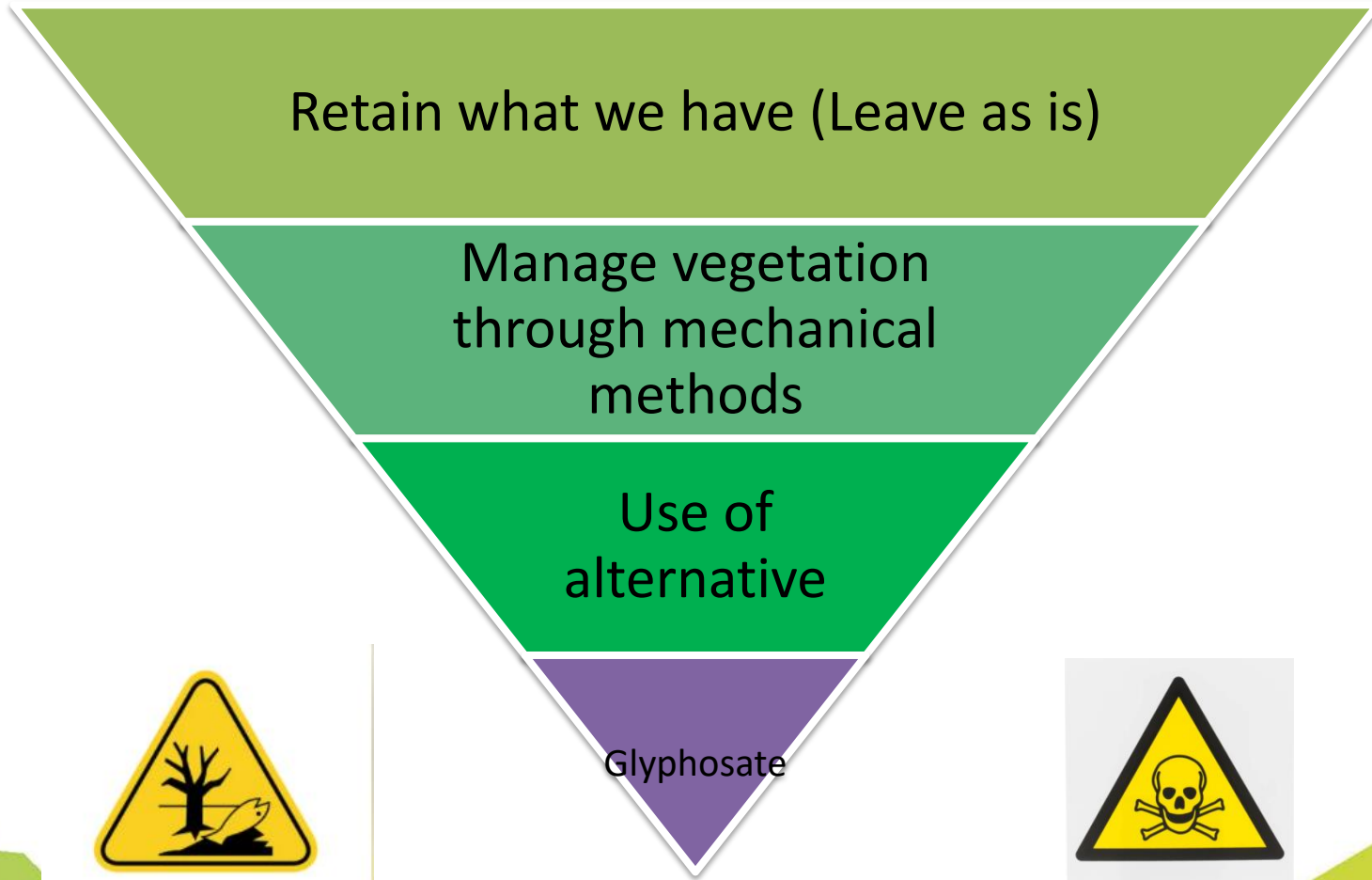


- *Develop a Wicklow County Council Glyphosate Policy.*



HIERARCHY OF DECISIONS

A hierarchy of decisions favouring elimination and avoidance of the use of Glyphosate will be implemented as follows:

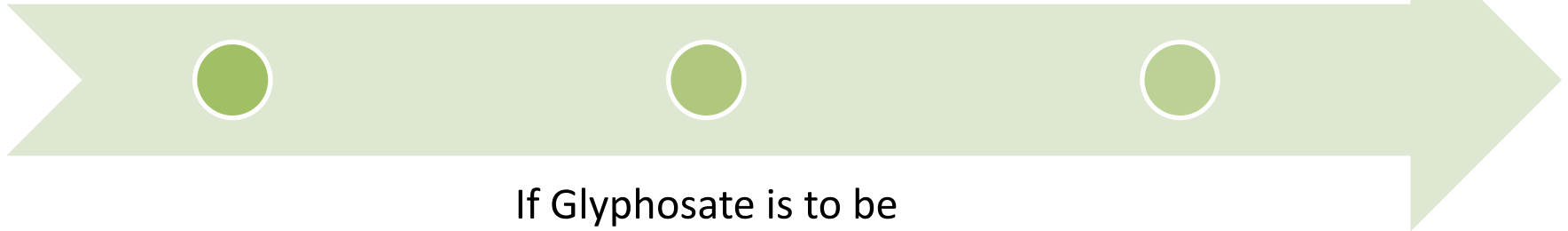




PROPOSED PROTOCOL

Identify process to be used from Hierarchy of Decisions

Following the application of Glyphosate – Record Form must be completed



If Glyphosate is to be applied – Business Case must be completed



PROPOSED ACTIONS

- Provide training to all staff involved in the application of glyphosate to raise awareness of the effects of glyphosate on pollinator friendly plants and watercourses.
- Ensure widespread compliance amongst staff in the completion of the Business Case for the application of Glyphosate and also the Glyphosate Application Record Form. (Via App being developed)
- Maintain an organisation wide register of the application of glyphosate
- Investigate alternatives to the application of glyphosate for weed control. Ensure that lessons learned are shared between all Municipal Districts.
- Raise awareness among community groups, schools and businesses on the effects of the application of glyphosate and available alternatives.
- Monitor the use of Glyphosate and review the reasons for its' use to identify means of reducing the use further.



TIMELINE

28th April

- Policy Endorsed by the CABA SPC

13th June

- Policy on the Agenda of Council Meeting

June 2022

- Following Adoption – MDs to Implement



Thank You
Any Questions.