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Turf and Ornamental Management

Covered Service:

This service shall cover pest management on grounds, trees, shrubs, flowers and other ornamental plantings, turf, and associated parking lots, walkways and other impervious surfaces.

It does not include pest management on golf courses, land in agricultural production, forests or open space under active habitat management, areas located within a utility or transportation right-of-way, invasive species control, or specifically to address a threat to public health or safety, such as stinging insects or vegetation such as poison ivy, giant hogweed or wild parsnip.

Specifications:

Affected state entities shall manage pests on turf and ornamental plants solely through mechanical, sanitary, cultural, or biological means to the maximum extent practicable, recognizing that such methods may result in greater weed or pest populations than are achievable by the use of chemicals.

If an affected state entity finds that chemical means of pest management are necessary as a temporary measure, or to transition to non-chemical practices, or non-chemical means fail to provide adequate control, entities that choose to employ pesticides shall only use those that meet one of the following criteria:

- A. Any pesticide classified by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as an exempt material under Section 40 CFR Part 152.25;

Note: For a list of pesticide active and inert ingredients that qualify go to:

http://www.epa.gov/oppbppd1/biopesticides/regtools/25b_list.htm#activeingredients

- B. Pesticides used for the purpose of rodent control in tamper-resistant bait stations or placed directly into rodent burrows or other areas inaccessible to children, pets, or wildlife;
- C. Any biopesticide registered by the EPA, and also registered by the Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC).

Note: For a list of biopesticide products registered by EPA go to:

http://www.epa.gov/opp00001/biopesticides/product_lists/bppd_products_by_AI.pdf

Affected entities are encouraged to adhere to the specifications and practices in the document: *NOFA Standards for Organic Land Care*. *NOFA Organic Landcare Committee, March 2008*, which can found at:

<http://www.organiclandcare.net/>