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Vegetation Control Chemical Use Information

Iowa City Parks and Recreation is committed to reducing the use of vegetation control chemicals throughout the 1,800 acres of managed parks and natural areas. Turf areas and open green spaces are not routinely sprayed to control undesirable vegetation. Mechanical techniques (hand weeding, mowing/trimming, over-seeding and mulching) and landscape design techniques (such as prairie style and new perennial design) are used to minimize the use of vegetation control chemicals. Only after mechanical means have been considered will vegetation control chemicals be used to manage noxious weeds, vegetation that poses a safety risk and invasive species. Special care, including temporally closing active use areas when chemicals are used, will be taken to ensure protection of park users.