

FACT SHEET

Knapsack Hire

Water-based Chemical Knapsacks

Knapsacks are fitted with EPDM seals that are compatible with a broad range of water-based chemicals. Knapsacks have shoulder straps and can be worn like a backpack. Ideal for spraying herbicides in your backyard to control small scale pest plants on your property.

Conditions and Procedures

1. Bookings in relation to the hire of Council's knapsacks are to be made through Customer Service on 07 4932 9000.
2. A minimum of two business days' notice prior to collecting the knapsack is required.
3. The deposit and hire fees must be paid to Customer Service either at Rockhampton, Gracemere, Mount Morgan, or over the phone prior to hire. A receipt will then be issued.
4. The knapsack is to be collected from Council's Rural Operations Depot, 56 Saleyards Road, Gracemere before 2pm Monday – Friday. Knapsacks must be returned before 10am on the nominated return date (knapsacks cannot be collected or returned over a weekend or public holiday).
5. Hire charges for the knapsack will apply irrespective of whether the hirer has used the equipment during the hire period (weather permitting).
6. Knapsacks are hired out on a weekly basis only. Items can be returned early, however a refund of hire fees will not be provided.
7. Council is not liable for any damage to any person or property, animal, crop, water supply etc. while the equipment is in the control of the hirer.
8. Protective equipment such as gloves, overalls, respirators and goggles, as described on the product label, should be used when mixing and spraying chemicals. This equipment will not be provided by Council. A copy of the Product Label and Safety Data Sheet will be provided to the hirer when the knapsack is filled with chemical by Council and must be read and understood before use.
9. Knapsacks are to be rinsed and flushed through with water before returning to Council.
10. To ensure a full refund of the deposit is received, hirers must comply with the following conditions:
 - The hirer is responsible for any damage which occurs to the knapsack whilst in their possession. The cost of repairs will be taken from the deposit and the remaining deposit refunded. If the cost of the repairs is more than the deposit, an invoice for the difference will be issued to the hirer. Upon return of the equipment, an officer will inspect the item for damage to ascertain whether damage has occurred during the hire period.
 - Additional hire fees will apply if the knapsack is returned later than 24 hours after the hire period has finished.
 - If the equipment is in good working order, the deposit will be refunded in full via Council electronic funds transfer as soon as practicable (if requested, frequent users may request Council to hold the deposit for future hires).