

FACT SHEET

Diesel Knapsack/Splatter Gun Hire

Conditions and Procedures

1. Bookings in relation to the hire of Council's diesel knapsacks (knapsacks) and splatter guns are to be made through Customer Service on 07 4932 9000.
2. A minimum of two business days' notice prior to collecting the knapsack/splatter gun 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/splatter gun is to be collected from Council's Rural Operations Depot, 56 Saleyards Road, Gracemere before 2pm Monday – Friday. Knapsacks/splatter guns must be returned before 10am on the nominated return date (knapsacks/splatter guns cannot be collected or returned over a weekend or public holiday).
5. Hire charges for the knapsack/splatter guns will apply irrespective of whether the hirer has used the equipment during the hire period (weather permitting).
6. Knapsacks and splatter guns 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 Material Safety Data Sheet will be provided to the hirer when the knapsack, filled with chemical by Council, is collected for reference.
9. To ensure full refund of deposit, hirers must comply with the following conditions:
 - The hirer is responsible for any damage which occurs to the knapsack/splatter gun 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 it for damage to ascertain whether damage has occurred during the hire period.
 - Extra hire fees will apply if the knapsack/splatter gun is returned later than 24 hours after the hire period has finished.
 - The splatter gun tank is to be emptied and flushed before returning to Council.
 - 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).
10. Knapsacks can be hired either empty or full. The hirer may fill the knapsack with Access, Starane herbicide and Diesel only, or the hirer may request Council supply the herbicide and/or diesel. The hirer may request the knapsack be filled with either Access/Starane herbicide and Diesel in quantities of 5 litres or 10 litres.
11. Splatter guns are easy to use on horseback, motorcycle or all-terrain vehicle if required. Unlike other foliar spray methods, the splatter gun is designed to shoot a stream of herbicide, not a spray nor even a splatter. This stream is delivered in a single line out to around five metres, with each line separated by about two metres. The concentration of herbicide is increased, so there is not the normal requirement to wet all the foliage. As a bonus, the total volume of herbicide used is decreased.