



GALLATIN COUNTY WEED DISTRICT RENTAL PROGRAM

Purpose:

The Gallatin County Weed District is offering a weed sprayer rental program to Gallatin County residents. This program was set up to make weed spraying equipment available, and to help the residents of Gallatin County to control noxious weeds on their property. The rental fee is used to maintain the rental equipment in good working order and to update equipment when needed. There are slide-in, ATV and backpack sprayers available for rent. An appointment to rent these sprayers can be made through the Gallatin County Weed Office. Remember to call ahead as the sprayers go fast at certain times of the year.

Terms and Conditions:

1. The rental charges are a flat fee.
 - a. Truck slide in sprayers \$30
 - b. ATV sprayers \$20
 - c. Backpack sprayer \$10
2. Please call to make an appointment to reserve a sprayer for pick up and drop off at the Gallatin County Weed Shop. (406-582-3265)
3. A Rental Agreement with Gallatin County Weed District **must** be signed by the renter **before** the rental unit can be picked up.
4. The spray unit must be returned clean and with spray tank rinsed. To ensure that rental units remain in proper and safe operating condition, please advise the weed office of any problems that occurred during use.
5. **The renter is responsible for all damages not caused by normal operational wear and tear.**

READ AND FOLLOW LABEL DIRECTIONS

Use herbicide according to label directions. Do not spray non-target plant species such as trees, shrubs, alfalfa, crops, gardens or caragana bushes.

Before spraying near water such as rivers, streams, ponds, wetlands, riparian zones or irrigation canals/ditches, read the herbicide label to check to see if it is labeled for aquatic use.

Spraying herbicides can be hazardous. Wear liquid proof gloves, coveralls and liquid proof boots when handling herbicides. Wear a clear face shield or goggles when spraying and mixing herbicides. Read and follow all herbicide labels. Never wash contaminated clothing with regular wash. Wash contaminated clothing separately with an extra cycle of just detergent and water between washings.

READ AND FOLLOW THE ENTIRE CHEMICAL LABEL

1. **By law**, it is required that herbicides be used according to their label.
2. **Before adding herbicide to the tank**, fill the tank half-full with fresh water. Start the engine and make sure that all broadjet nozzles and handguns are functional. Ensure that the bypass/agitation line is functioning. The bypass/agitation line is the return line that feeds back into the tank. It can be observed by water flowing back into the tank. Turn the engine off.
3. **Use the following procedure when adding herbicide to the tank.**
 - a. Read the label to determine the rate per acre of the herbicide.
 - b. Calculate the amount of herbicide to add to the tank based on the Gallons Per Acre (GPA) information sheet provided with each sprayer.
 - c. Add herbicide and/or surfactant to the tank.
 - d. Fill the tank the rest of the way with water.
4. **Handgun and broadjet nozzles cannot be used together in the same operation. The handgun GPA is different than the broadjet GPA.** Therefore, the amount of herbicide added to the tank is different for the handgun vs. broadjet nozzles.
5. **Remember: Add half of the water into the tank, put in the correct amount of herbicide, then add the rest of the water.** Spray the weeds in the same manner used when calibrating the sprayer to ensure that the proper rate of chemical is placed on the weeds.
6. **RINSE OUT THE SPRAYER AND ALL LINES WITH THE SAME AMOUNT OF FRESH WATER THAT IS RECOMMENDED UNDER THE SPRAYER DESCRIPTION.** Do not empty all the water at one location, spread it over a large area so a high concentration is not placed on a small area. Be careful of non-target vegetation as the rinse water will have some chemical in it.

- ☞ **REMEMBER TO USE HERBICIDES IN A SAFE AND PRUDENT MANNER TO PROTECT YOU AND THE ENVIRONMENT**
- ☞ **READ AND FOLLOW THE ENTIRE CHEMICAL LABEL**
- ☞ **WEAR THE PROPER PROTECTIVE GEAR**
- ☞ **IT'S THE LAW!**

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