Fertilizer and Pesticide Use

For health and safety reasons, Parks and Recreation has strict policies concerning pesticide and fertilizer use on park property.

- Park and Recreation policy prohibits application of pesticides (herbicides, fungicides and insecticides) and fertilizers on city property without an applicator's license.
- Anyone applying chemicals on parks property must be licensed city staff or contracted by the city to perform the service.
- If there is a need to use pesticides in a garden on park property, first contact the Division of Parks and Recreation Gardens Coordinator Mark Granlund, 651-632-2454, in order to help determine action.
- By City of Saint Paul policy, any application of pesticides or fertilizers requires documentation with the pesticide/fertilizer's name, dosage, area applied to, date, time and weather conditions. Documentation must be on approved forms and submitted to Parks and Recreation for filing. Parks and Recreation can supply a Pesticide Usage Report form. Contact Division of Parks and Recreation Gardens Coordinator Mark Granlund, 651-632-2454, to receive a form.
- Whenever pesticides or fertilizers are used, the area must be posted for 48 hours following application with Minnesota Department of Agriculture approved signage.
- When spraying in a garden or in adjacent areas, the applicator will take reasonable measures to minimize drift and runoff into gardens.