



Fertiliser SAFE WORK PROCEDURE

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I acknowledge that I have been trained in the SWP listed above, the controls are clearly understood, my qualifications are current to undertake the activity, and I will comply with the SWP.

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SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- 1. DO NOT use equipment unless you have been trained in its safe use and operation
- 2. Always use plant and equipment for their intended purposes only.
- 3. Always take out of service and report damaged equipment to your supervisor
- 4. Equipment must NOT be altered or modified without authorisation.

Potential Hazards: Inadequately trained worker Poor lifting techniques Not knowing how to properly "walk" in uneven, steep, rocky or swampy terrain with weighted bags Failure to use PPE (including appropriate clothing) Dehydration Fatigue

Task sequence	Identified hazards in task	Key processes to be followed	Precautions / PPE required	
Access to site	 ➢ Pedestrian traffic ➢ Vehicular traffic at site entrance 	Supervisor to direct truck/Utility driver where to park and setup Establish communications, i.e.; radios/phones and contact numbers Ensure all relevant Site specific Inductions/Requirements have/are carried out as directed by Client Observe Site Specific Induction Procedures Ensure amber warning beacon is on Park in designated and inspected area Ensure all required PPE present for equipment unloading	 PPE induction and inspection. Site Safety talk on risks in compartments. Site induction for all employees to know correct method for tree planting. Ensure appropriate signage is put into place to alert other road users Organise appropriate PPE and signage/barricades for the job in addition to client provided signage if required 	
Planning & Preparation	Inadequate ➤ training	Ensure operators are adequately trained to complete the job	 PPE induction and inspection. Site Safety talk on risks in 	

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	➤ consultation	Provide adequate & competent supervision	compartments.	
➤ planning Provide equipment to ensur		Provide equipment to ensure job is completed safely	 Site induction for all employees to know correct method for tree 	
		Check the weather conditions.	planting.	
		Consider the application method.	 Ensure appropriate signage is put into place to alert other road users 	
		Consider the environmental impact	to dicit other road users	
		 For example, the common fertilizer ingredient phosphorus is dangerous when used near streams and lakes; when combined with fertilizer high in nitrogen, phosphorus causes eutrophication, resulting in 	Organise appropriate PPE and signage/barricades for the job in addition to client provided signage if required	
		excessive algae growth that suffocates aquatic species. Emergency plans read and understood as per Project Safety Management Plan	Fertilizer is to be covered from the elements at all times while stored in the field	
Fertiliser selection	Long term health effects	Calculate the application rate.	Return empty fertiliser bags to client	
Circuis		Check SDS	Fertilizer is to be covered from the elements at all times while stored in	
		Correct Disposal of excess fertiliser	the field	
Method of fertiliser Application	Fertiliser exposure	Ensure use of prescribed PPE,	Long sleeved shirts, Trousers, Hat, Sunscreen, Gloves, Safety Boots,	
	Solar radiation	Only trained and competent people to be operating machinery/plant & equipment	Goggles or Suitable Safety Glasses, Respirator (if in enclosed area)	
	Machinery/plant hazards	Be aware of weather and wind conditions		
Put on appropriate PPE	Fertiliser exposure during use	Supply PPE as per client requirements and LMS policy and procedures.	Long sleeved shirts, Trousers, Hat, Sunscreen, Gloves, Safety Boots, Goggles or Suitable Safety Glasses,	
	Solar radiation exposure	Train operators in correct use of PPE	Respirator (if in enclosed area)	

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Check Fertiliser Equipment	Breakage of bucket clips or cups Fertiliser spillage	Check fertiliser bucket clips are working correctly If any fertiliser spills occur, remove with shovel and bucket.	Long sleeved shirts, Trousers, Hat, Sunscreen, Gloves, Safety Boots, Goggles or Suitable Safety Glasses, Respirator (if in enclosed area) Use of hard hat, hi-vis vest or clothing, and ensure exclusion zone when loading or unloading ton bags with crane.	
Collect Fertiliser	Manual handling of fertiliser Loading and unloading fertiliser Personal Injury: Run over/struck by mobile plant causing serious injury or death Being crushed causing serious injury or death Lifting straps break causing serious injury or death	Always read the safety data sheets and manufacturer's instructions before handling any fertilizers Check the Emergency response / First Aid requirements including spill containment and clean-up and the personal protective equipment that is required and ensure its availability Use mechanical aids for moving bags When having to transport fertilisers secure in back of utility or truck with appropriate straps Always make sure hand brake and safety devices are in operation. Ensure safe loading zone when loading fertilizer onto truck with machine. Ensure all appropriate PPE (listed above) is worn while loading fertiliser. Always check lifting straps are in good condition before attempting to lift fertiliser. Ensure posi track operator is a competent licensed operator.		
Fertiliser Application Hand operations	Personal Injury: exposure to chemicals Environmental Damage: contamination of waterways/susceptible crops/ or other sensitive areas	Fertiliser (P, Cu and K) to be applied between 30 and 50 cm from the stem Ensure excessive amount of fertiliser is not touching stem or lodged in needles/leaves	Long sleeved shirts, Trousers, Hat, Sunscreen, Gloves, Safety Boots, Goggles or Suitable Safety Glasses, Respirator (if in enclosed area)	

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L	Legislation breach	Ensure fertiliser has been spread evenly or correctly over the target zone (band for spot mounds, semi-circle for all other site prep types	
Machine application (ground)	Personal Injury: exposure to chemicals Environmental Damage: contamination of waterways/susceptible crops/ or other sensitive areas	Fertiliser must not be applied outside the tree zone (1m either side of tree) for above ground applications For each hole fertiliser to be buried to 30-40cm (below ground) Machinery to be calibrated daily and record kept	Long sleeved shirts, Trousers, Hat, Sunscreen, Gloves, Safety Boots, Goggles or Suitable Safety Glasses, Respirator (if in enclosed area) Machinery does not meet relevant specifications (e.g. ROPS, FOPS).
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E C V	Personal Injury: exposure to chemicals Environmental Damage: contamination of waterways/susceptible crops/ or other sensitive areas	Containers / rubbish to be removed from site and disposed of appropriately Wash hands, face and any exposed skin with soap and water	Long sleeved shirts, Trousers, Hat, Sunscreen, Gloves, Safety Boots, Goggles or Suitable Safety Glasses, Respirator (if in enclosed are a)

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PRECAUTIONS:

The following precautions should be observed when undertaking fertilising activities.

Foot	Hearing	Welding	Eye	Hand	Protective	Breathing
Protection	Protection	Mask	Protection	Protection	Clothing	Protection
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Fertiliser is to be covered from the elements at all times while stored in the field

Safe Work Procedures and Risk Assessments to Be Read in Conjunction with This Safe Work Procedure

SWP Manual Handling-Lifting SWP Working in Hot/Cold Conditions SWP Bites and Stings

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