

Updates Regarding City Outdoor Chemical Use

- The City does not have a policy on the use of herbicides, pesticides, fertilizers. Public Works does not use pesticides or fertilizer.
- For herbicides, Public Works applies Cornerstone Plus once per year on downtown sidewalks (prior to July 4), around chain link fences (utility plants/facilities, ballfields).
- In wetter years when things are growing, Public Works will apply herbicide to sign posts around the bike trail. This is not done every year.
- The herbicide used by the City is Cornerstone Plus. MSDS is attached, it looks to have a similar but different active ingredient than RoundUp.
- City crews apply approx. 5 gallons per year of Cornerstone Plus throughout the City.
- Cornerstone Plus costs \$90 per 5 gallon quantity. Public Works would be open to using an alternative product that is effective as a herbicide that is at a similar cost. Our material budget for parks is \$25,000 throughout the entire City and \$10,000 for sidewalks throughout the entire City, which does not leave a lot of room to absorb additional costs based on 2020 budget.
- The City is reducing temporary summer help based on the decrease in revenue projections in 2020 so hand weeding these areas isn't an option with our labor force at this time.