

Integrated Pest Management on golf courses and green amenity areas

- General principles of integrated pest management have to be followed from 1.1.2014 onwards. All sector or crop specific IPM guidelines are voluntary and to my knowledge, there are no specific IPM guidelines for golf courses or for green amenity areas. There is no specific requirements on e.g. notes on PPP use. Product labels must be followed and if there is a re-entry interval defined, it has to be followed on this sector as well.



Training and certification

- All professional users of PPPs must be certified by 26.11.2015. Training on safe PPP use and practices is not obligatory, but it helps to pass the exam. Certificate is valid for 5 years. This requirement applies also on golf courses and green amenity areas, where PPPs are used.



Inspection of sprayers in use

- General idea in the Finnish PPP-legislation is that all PPP sprayers in professional use have to be inspected by 26.11.2016. Exceptions and different schedules are possible, but are not yet decided. It is very likely that knapsack sprayers and other portable sprayers will be exempted. The inspection is valid for 5 years, after which it have to be renewed.

