

SPRAYER TESTING



The Sustainable Use Directive (SUD)* requires all pesticide application equipment to be tested by the relevant dates.

Legal requirements

First test due before the machine is 5 years old

1. Boom sprayers over 3 metres, air blast sprayers, train and aircraft sprayers

Re-test every 3 years

2. Booms 3 metres and under, slug pellet & micro-granular applicators, weed wipers, seed treatment, manually propelled or self-propelled trolley type equipment with 3 or more wheels & a motorised pump, and other specialist equipment

Re-test every 6 years

3. Knapsack, handheld and pedestrian* equipment

- a. Must be checked on a regular basis by a competent person
- b. Make any repairs necessary
- c. Keep a record

* Maximum 2 wheels or with a manually pressurised pump

Crop assurance scheme requirements

- a. Annual testing for sprayers over 3 metres and air blast sprayers
- b. Annual testing of granular nematicide applicators
- c. All other equipment to SUD timescales

* The legal requirements are contained in the Plant Protection Products (Sustainable Use) Regulations 2012

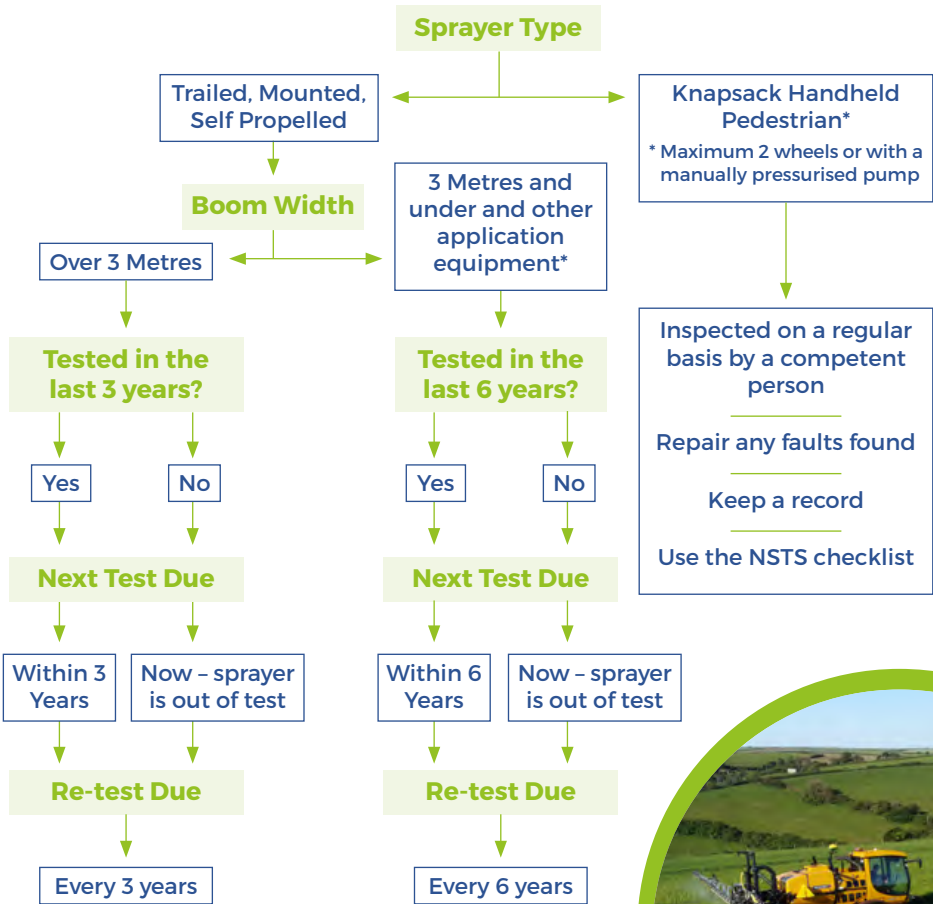


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DECISION TREE FOR EQUIPMENT OVER 5 YEARS OLD



- * Slug pellet and micro-granular applicators
- * Weed wipers
- * Seed treating equipment (incl. conveyor and roller table)
- * Fogging, misting and smoking equipment
- * Manually propelled or self-propelled trolley type equipment with 3 or more wheels & a motorised pump
- * Other equipment may fall into this category

