

APPLICATION OF BAITS

- Individual baits must not be divided or split into smaller portions prior to application.
- Baits must not be laid:
 - on any stock route or reserve for travelling stock without local government approval
 - within five (5) metres of a fenced boundary
 - within five (5) metres from the edge of a formed public roadway
 - within twenty (20) metres of permanent or flowing water bodies
 - within one hundred and fifty (150) metres of a dwelling.

RECORD KEEPING

- Records must be maintained in relation to the quantity of RS7 poison acquired, applied (per baiting event) or disposed of.
- Records of application of baits must state the:
 - name of poison
 - date and quantity/number of baits applied
 - quantity of poison used, and
 - location where the baits were applied.
- For unused poisons/baits or waste, records must be kept for:
 - the quantity of unused poison/bait
 - the date of disposal or surrender
 - the location of disposal, and
 - if surrendered, the person it was surrendered to.
- Records must be retained for a period of two (2) years.
- Records must be made available on the request of an inspector under the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2019*.

DISPOSAL

- RS7 poison waste, contaminated material and where possible any partially eaten baits and dead animals, must be disposed of by:
 - burying at a depth of at least 50 cm on the landholder's property, or
 - by disposal at a licensed waste disposal facility that can accept the RS7 poisons.
- Contaminated wastewater produced during the cleaning/rinsing of equipment, PPE or vehicles used to prepare or apply baits, must be disposed of in a way that does not contaminate food or water or endanger people or non-target animals.
- Unused RS7 poisons must only be disposed of as follows:
 - by burying at a depth of at least 50 cm, or
 - by disposal at a licensed waste disposal facility that can accept the RS7 poisons.
- The following events must be reported to the Chief Executive, Queensland Health:
 - any poisoning or suspected poisoning of a person, or
 - any loss or theft of RS7 poisons.
- The notification must be given as soon as practicable within two (2) business days of an event occurring. If an oral report is given, a written report must be provided within seven (7) business days of when the oral report was given.



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Feral Pigs, Baiting & Landholder Information

There are new Queensland Department of Health regulations for the use of restricted Schedule 7 poisons including 1080.

The main objective of the *Medicines and Poisons Act 2019* is to manage risks to public health from the use of regulated substances for industrial, agricultural and domestic purposes.

The new Act has integrated the Health (Drugs and Poisons) Regulation and the *Pest Management Act* into a single regulatory system as they both apply to the use of chemicals.

It is a legislative requirement that all Landholders participating in local government coordinated baiting programs must abide by the Departmental Standard, 'Dealing with restricted S7 poisons for invasive animal control'.

The Departmental Standard should be read in its entirety for complete guidance, which can be read at the short link here: <https://bit.ly/3gvz0WP>

STORAGE DURING TRANSPORT

- RS7 poisons must be transported in a sturdy, leak-proof immediate container that is stowed in the vehicle in a way that prevents contamination of the vehicle.
- The immediate container must be secured in a lockable storage area that is either securely fixed to or within the vehicle during transport.
- The key or code to the lockable storage area must only be accessible by persons authorised by the approval holder or approved person.
- The immediate container must be clearly labelled with either the manufacturer's authorised label or the words "Dangerous Poison" and the name of the poison.
- Council will not be able to give you baits unless these requirements have been met.

STORAGE OTHER THAN DURING TRANSPORT

- The immediate container must be clearly labelled with either the manufacturer's authorised label or the words "Dangerous Poison" and the name of the poison.
- RS7 poisons must be stored in a secure area (e.g. locked box or a locked cabinet within a locked shed) to prevent access by unauthorised persons.
- Keys or codes to all storage containers and secure areas must only be accessible by persons authorised by the approval holder or approved person.
- RS7 poisons must not be stored in a food/drink container or a container that resembles or may be mistaken for a food/drink container.
- Prepared (fresh meat) baits must not be stored for future use, i.e. frozen, refrigerated or dried.

WARNING SIGNS

- Warning signs must be placed at all entrances to the land being baited and at the extremities of the land boundaries fronting a public thoroughfare. This must be done even if the adjoining property is carrying out baiting.
- Warning signs must be put up immediately before baiting commences on the property.
- Warning signs must be maintained for at least four (4) weeks after the authorised period of bait lay has expired or after all untaken baits have been collected.
- Warning signs must be firmly fixed, weatherproof, legible and include the following information:
 - name of poison used
 - date the baits were laid
 - contact details of the landowner
 - target animal/s; and
 - a warning that livestock, domestic and working animals can be affected.
- Warning signs must be replaced if damaged or no longer legible.
- If a property adjoins a public space (e.g. a roadside rest stop), warning signs should be placed in a way that is visible to a person in the public space.



NOTIFICATION

- Notifications may be verbal or written.
- The notification must be:
 - provided to all adjoining and adjacent neighbours, including properties separated by roads and watercourses, and
 - given at least 72 hours prior to commencement of baiting.
- The notification must include:
 - the steps to be taken to ensure children, or domestic and working animals, do not gain access to baits or poisoned animals, and
 - the dates between which baiting will occur.
- Baiting must commence within ten (10) days of notification. If not, a new notification must be issued giving at least 72 hours' notice.
- Records of notifications (verbal or written) must be kept for two (2) years.

Further information and factsheets can be found at the short link here: <https://bit.ly/3FjQ1ND> under 'Poisons, prohibited substances and pest management'.