

STICKY NIGHTSHADE WINTER MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS



WINTER CAN STILL BE A GOOD TIME TO STAY ON TOP OF STICKY NIGHTSHADE

Sticky Nightshade management does not necessarily need to stop during winter. Suitable conditions may still provide an opportunity to reduce infestations and stay ahead before spring. Acting early may help reduce workload later in the season and prevent patches becoming harder to manage.

WHY CONSIDER WINTER CONTROL?

- Stay ahead before spring – Early action may help reduce pressure later in the season.
- Maintain control momentum – Consistent management can support long-term control outcomes.
- Manage outbreaks early – Smaller or isolated infestations are often easier to manage than larger outbreaks later in the season.

"ISN'T IT TOO COLD TO SPRAY?"

Winter spraying can still be effective when undertaken in suitable conditions. While visible results may take longer than during warmer periods, suitable winter spraying conditions have been observed to provide effective Sticky Nightshade control outcomes across parts of the project area.

FROST CONSIDERATIONS

Before spraying:

- Avoid spraying frost-affected plants
- Consider frost-prone areas and elevation when planning activities
- As a general rule of thumb used in broadacre winter spraying, avoid spraying hard-to-kill weeds within approximately three days before or after a frost event
- Spray during suitable weather conditions for safety and effectiveness

CONCLUSION

- Follow herbicide label directions and withholding periods
 - Commonly used herbicides within the project include products such as Grazon and Method
 - Primarily target mature plants where appropriate
 - Monitor treated areas and follow up where required
 - Reimbursements continue as normal during winter months through the Community Sticky Nightshade Program
 - Seek agronomic advice where required
- Properties across the Community Sticky Nightshade Program have demonstrated the value of maintaining consistent control over time.

For further project information, please contact the Community Sticky Nightshade Program team.