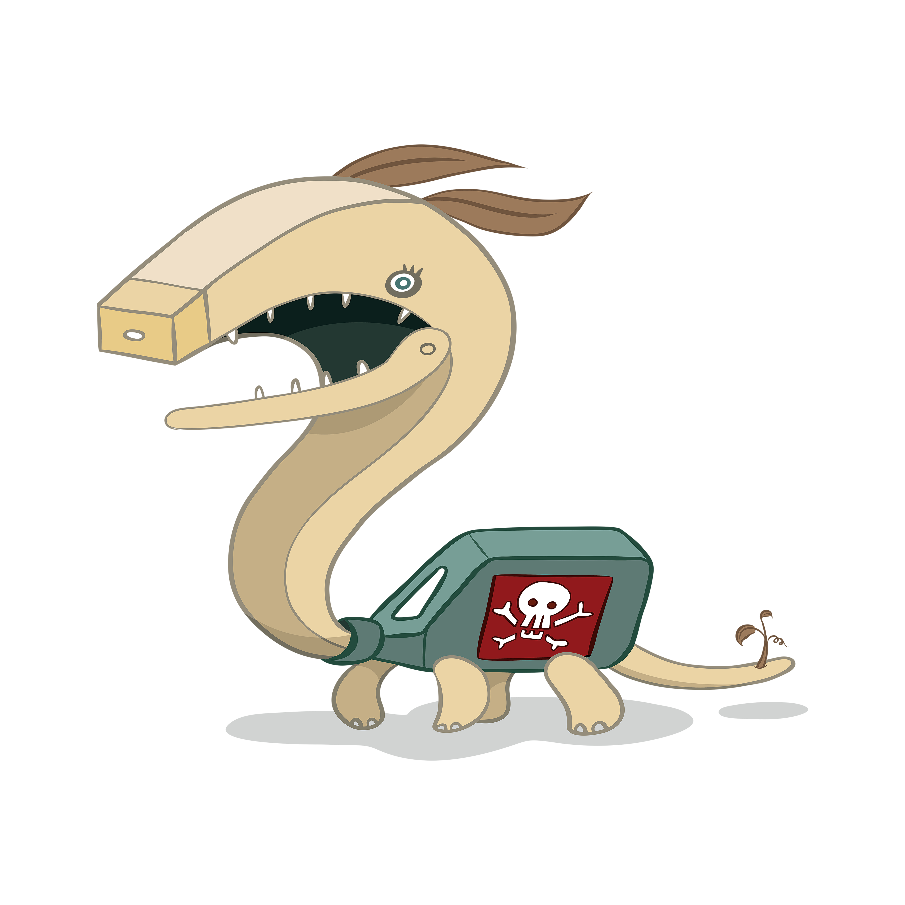
Herbicides Fact sheet



Herbicides are can be very toxic in aquatic environments, when in a waterway a herbicide can harm amphibians, fish, plants and invertebrates. They can enter waterways in a variety of ways such as spray drift, surface water run off or even sub surface leaching. Herbicides can be harmful to human health and can cause a variety of life-threatening illnesses and cancer.

Herbicides are normally used to control pests or weed species of plants. It is used in farming and residential areas to control unwanted plant species.

## What you can do

Ensure when you use herbicides to not over apply and to be extremely careful near waterways. Avoid spraying or applying herbicides when rain is forecasted to avoid having herbicides washed into creeks or streams

## Links

<https://www.epa.sa.gov.au/files/477387_pesticide_water.pdf>