

Chatham Islands Gorse control initiative 2025-26

Background Information

The purpose of this initiative is to support land occupiers on the Chatham Islands territory to maintain and control gorse on their property.

Gorse continues to be a major pest on the island and impacts on both the economic productivity of local farming operations and the environment.

This control initiative is for **herbicide only** to a total value of approximately \$30,000. The herbicide is available to all landowners and lessees of land on the Chatham Islands who can provide evidence of planned control activities and current Certified Handler Compliance Certification (e.g. Growsafe).

Because the funding this year is herbicide only, it will be up to the landowner/lessee to pay for a contractor or apply the herbicide themselves.

The Herbicide available is as follows:

- Tordon Brushkiller XT
- Slikka super penetrant

Guidelines

Who can apply?

The gorse control initiative is open only to residents of the Chatham Islands with Certified Handlers Certification who have gorse on their land and are committed to undertaking control to manage this pest. The Fund is not available for work on public land.

How to Apply

To be considered all applications must:

- Have completed this application form to an acceptable standard
- Be accompanied by a map showing property boundaries and gorse distribution, where herbicide is to be applied
- Include photos of the areas
- Focus of control must be on boundary and scattered plants initially, control of block areas may be considered once boundary and scattered has been undertaken.
- Provide evidence of Certified Handlers Certification that can be photographed and that there is up to date PPE that will be used during spraying.

PROPERTIES MAY REQUIRE A PROPERTY CHECK prior to being considered for herbicide. These would need to be completed by Environment Canterbury Biosecurity staff. Staff will contact you to arrange a suitable time for a visit if required.

- The visit is to look at the areas to be considered for control
- This visit may also look at areas that have been controlled previously.

Terms and conditions

1. Herbicide will be allocated on a case-by-case basis.
2. Approval of herbicide allocation may be subject to conditions.
3. All decisions will be final, and no correspondence will be entered into.
4. If successful in obtaining herbicide, the control work is expected to be completed by **30 April 2026**
5. Herbicide will only be released to a person with a **current** Certified Handlers Certificate (e.g. Growsafe). Evidence of this will be required.
6. The fund recipients will be required to advise Biosecurity staff on the completion of the work and allow access to the property to confirm work has occurred or provide evidence/report that the work has been done.
7. The applicant will undertake due diligence regarding the Chatham Islands Resource Management Document, in particular Table 5.3.4 Rules - Rural Zone and will decide if a resource consent is required. (link to document is below)

Applications must be received at Chatham Islands Council office either via email or printed copy.

Chatham Islands Council 13 Waitangi Tuku Road Waitangi	Chatham Islands Council PO Box 24 Waitangi Chatham Islands 8942
Email: info@chathamislands.govt.nz	Phone: 03 305 0033

Applications close at **4pm on Friday 30th January 2026.**

Links to relevant documents:

[Tordon Brushkiller XT Label](#)

[Tordon Brushkiller XT Safety Data Sheet \(SDS\)](#)

[Tordon Brushkiller XT Haznote](#)

[Brushweed Control Guide](#)

[Slikka Safety Data Sheet \(SDS\)](#)

[Slikka Haznote](#)

[Slikka Technote](#)

[CIC Building & Resource Consents page](#)

[CIC Resource-Management document](#)

Application Form

Please read Information and Guidelines before completing this form.

Details of applicant

Name of applicant:	
Name of contact person for this application (if different to applicant):	
Address of applicant:	

Contact details

Contact Phone (Mobile):	
Contact Phone (Home):	
Email Address:	

Previous funding applications

Have you received CIC/Environment Canterbury funded support in the past? YES / NO (please circle one)
(this maybe as herbicide or aerial gorse control)

If YES, please advise what type of funding and when (year(s))

Year	Type of funding

Gorse control

Do you undertake gorse control on your property? YES / NO (please circle one)

Is this done on a regular basis? (eg annual control) YES / NO (please circle one)

Please explain below your current control programme for gorse including frequency and where this occurs on your property

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Please remember to attach maps and photographs of work undertaken to date (incl approx spend)

Gorse control plan

If you are successful in receiving herbicide, please advise your proposed control plan, this should where you are proposing to undertake control including a map outlining the areas, method of control and expected timing.

Tordon label usage rates:

GORSE:

Ground application: During the active growth period from spring until early summer apply **TORDON BRUSHKILLER XT** at 250ml/100 litres. During periods of slow growth or when gorse is dormant or stressed e.g. in hot, dry, dusty, frosty or salty conditions or when plants have been slashed or grazed, the addition of Boost™ Penetrant to the spraymix at 100ml/100 litres is recommended. In North Canterbury use **TORDON BRUSHKILLER XT** at 300ml/100L plus Boost Penetrant at 100ml/100 litres spraymix. Follow up treatment may be necessary to obtain complete control.

Based on the label information above, please advise the required quantity of herbicide required:

Tordon Brushkiller XT	
Slikka super penetrant	

Evidence of Certified/Approved Handler Certification

Application of Tordon Brushkiller requires Approved Handler Certification as stipulated on the herbicide label and in accordance with the Hazardous Substances and New Organisms Act 1996 as follows:

HAZARD CLASSIFICATION:

3.1D, 6.1D, 6.3B, 6.4A, 6.5B, 6.9B, 9.1A, 9.2A, 9.3C

APPROVED HANDLER

This product must be under the personal control of an approved handler when:

- a) applied in a wide dispersive manner; or
- b) used by a commercial contractor.

RECORD KEEPING

Records of use, as described in the relevant HSNO regulations and the New Zealand Standard for the Management of Agrichemicals (NZS8409), must be kept if more than 3L of **TORDON BRUSHKILLER XT** is applied, or discharged within 24 hours in a place where members of the public may be present or where the substance may enter air or water and leave the place.

Approved Handler/Certified Handler Certificate Reference	
Evidence of Certification Provided	YES / NO
Declaration made of having up to date and appropriate PPE and commitment to using the PPE during spraying	Applicant sign here:

Acknowledgement

I confirm that:

1. I am authorised to sign this application as the applicant or on behalf of the applicant, and I am prepared to sign an accountability agreement.
2. The answers given on this form are true and correct.
3. The herbicide will be used by the applicant in the manner declared in this application.
4. I declare I will use the herbicide as per the manufacturer's instructions including recording the recording in a spray diary & the use of appropriate PPE. NOTE: A copy of the safety data sheet (SDS) and label will be supplied on collection of herbicides
5. I declare I have the appropriate current PPE (as outlined in SDS) to undertake control work.
6. Herbicide will only be released to a person with a **current** Certified/Approved Handlers certificate. Evidence of this will be required on receipt of herbicide.
7. I will adhere to the rules provided with this application pertaining to the application of hazardous substances and ensuring they are not applied to water as per [CIC Resource Management Document](#)

PLEASE NOTE - A signature is not required if you submit this form electronically. By entering your name in the box below you are giving your authority for this application to proceed.

Signature:	
Name (please print):	
Date:	