

The Neighbor Notification Law

What You Need to Know Before Applying Pesticides in Ulster County

For Homeowners

Residents who apply pesticides to more than 100 square feet of the property they own, rent or lease are required to post signs around the perimeter of the property being treated.

Pesticide Applied
9/08/12 8:30 am
Do Not Enter or
Remove Sign for 24 hrs
(Sample Sign)

What are the visual requirements for posting signs?

- Signs must say "PESTICIDE APPLICATION", "PESTICIDE TREATMENT", or "PESTICIDE APPLIED".
- The date and time of the proposed pesticide application must be indicated on the signs.
- Signs (a minimum of 2) must be posted every 50 feet along the perimeter of the area where pesticides are to be applied. No signs are necessary at any section of the perimeter of the treated area which is rendered impassible by a fence, wall, hedge or other barrier.
- Signs must be posted on the day of any application BEFORE the pesticides are applied.
- Signs must be clearly visible to persons immediately outside the perimeter of the property.
- Signs must instruct persons not to enter the treated area and not to remove the signs sooner than 24 hours following the application.
- Signs must be at least 4 inches by 5 inches in size and posted such that the top of the sign is at least 12 inches above the ground.
- Text on the signs must be in contrasting colors to the background and in letters at least 3/8 of an inch high.

It is recommended that you notify your neighbors prior to the application of pesticides so that they may take precautions to avoid exposure. Also, follow manufacturers labels carefully.

Enforcement and Penalties

The Neighbor Notification Law is enforced by the Ulster County Department of Health and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation. Maximum penalties, after a hearing, include:

- a written warning and educational materials for the first violation;
- a \$100 fine for the second violation;
- a \$250 fine for the third and subsequent violations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT JAMES RODDEN AT THE ULSTER COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AT: 845-340-3021 or jrod@co.ulster.ny.us



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