

The Neighbor Notification Law

What You Need to Know Before Applying Pesticides in Ulster County

For Owners of Multi-Family Dwellings

As a property owner, you are required by law to inform the occupants of your units PRIOR to any proposed pesticide application to property adjacent to their dwellings.

What are the requirements for property owners or owners' agents?

- At least 48 hours PRIOR to any commercial pesticide application, the business making such application shall supply written notice to occupants of all dwellings, or to owner or owners' agents or to other persons in authority, for any occupied structure on abutting property that is within 150 feet of the site of such application.
- As the owner or owners' agent, or other person in charge of a multiple dwelling, you must give a copy of the notice (the one you receive from the commercial applicator at least 48 hours prior to the application) to the occupants of each residential unit at least 24 hours prior to any proposed application.
- As the owner of an occupied structure other than a dwelling, you must post the notices, at least 24 hours prior to any application, in a conspicuous location accessible and visible to all individuals who may enter the structure.

What must be included in the written notice?

The written notice must be in at least 12 point type and contain (at a minimum) the following information:

- the address of the premises where the application is to take place.
- the name, phone number and pesticide business registration number or pesticide applicator certification number of the person applying or supervising the pesticide application.
- the specific date of each scheduled application and two alternative dates, if weather or other conditions might preclude the original application date.
- the product name and the EPA registration number for each pesticide to be applied.
- A prominent statement that reads: "This notice is to inform you of a pending lawn care pesticide application to a neighboring property. You may wish to take precautions to minimize pesticide exposure to yourself, family members, pets or family possessions. Further information about the product or products being applied, including any warnings that appear on the labels of such pesticides that are pertinent to the protection of humans, animals or the environment can be obtained by calling the national Pesticide Telecommunications Network at 1-800-858-7378 or the NYSDOH Center for Environmental Health information line at 1-800-458-1158.

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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