

## Enforcement and Penalties

The Neighbor Notification Law will be enforced by the Ulster County Health Department and the New York State Department of Conservation.

The penalties set forth for homeowners, property owners, or retailers in the Neighbor Notification Law are up to a maximum of:

- 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.

Commercial Application violations penalties are set forth by article 71 of ECL. There are two types of penalties, administrative and criminal, which are a fine not to exceed \$5000 (\$10,000 for subsequent offences) and/or imprisonment for a term of not more than one year.

*These penalties may be levied only after a hearing or opportunity to be heard.*

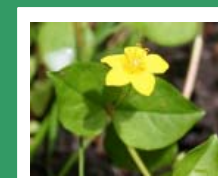
For more information, call the  
Ulster County  
Health Department  
(845)340-3021

or  
see our website at  
[www.co.ulster.ny.us/health](http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/health)

*This brochure is intended to provide highlights of the Neighbor Notification Law. Obtain a full copy of the law to ensure you are in full compliance. Copies can be obtained from the Ulster County Health Department or visit our website at [www.co.ulster.ny.us/health](http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/health).*



## The Neighbor Notification Law



What you need to  
know about pesticide  
application to your  
property or your  
neighbors' property

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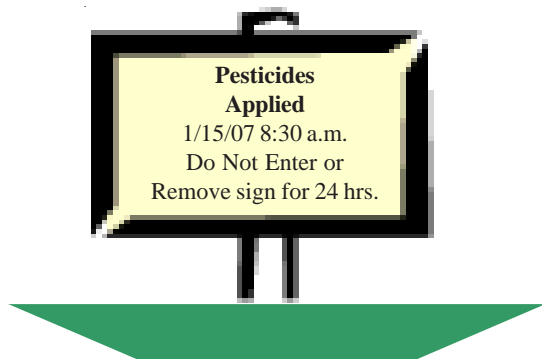
## The Neighbor Notification Law\*

Commercial Pesticide Applicators are required to notify property owners of certain pesticide applications to property abutting theirs at least 48 hours in advance of application.

Property Owners are required to inform the occupants of dwellings that abut the property being treated with pesticides 24 hours in advance of application.

Retailers are required to post signs close to pesticides instructing applicators to comply with the notification requirements.

Homeowners are required to post visual notification markers (signs) prior to applying pesticides to more than 100 sq. ft. of their property.



**\*The Neighbor Notification Law of 2000, formally known as chapter 285 of the Laws of 2000, added new provisions to title 10 of Article 33 of Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), regarding posting of visual notification markers for residential lawn applications, posting of signs at certain retail establishments, and mandating neighbor notification of certain commercial lawn applications. The Neighbor Notification Law became effective on January 1, 2007.**

## Who is required to comply with the Neighbor Notification Law?

Anyone who applies liquid or aerosol over-the-counter or commercial pesticides to ground, trees or shrubs on outdoor property must comply with the new law.

Each of the following groups has different regulations that must be followed when applying pesticides.

- Homeowners or Residential Lawn Applicators
- Owners and Owners' Agents of multiple dwellings and other occupied structures
- Retailers
- Commercial Pesticide Applicators

Specific information brochures and copies of the Neighbor Notification regulations specific to each group are available at no charge at the following locations:

- Local Town, Village or City Hall
- Libraries
- Ulster County Website [www.co.ulster.ny.us/health](http://www.co.ulster.ny.us/health)
- Ulster County Health Department  
Environmental Sanitation Division  
300 Flatbush Avenue  
Kingston, NY 12401  
(845)340-3021
- Cornell Cooperative Extension  
10 Westbrook Lane  
Kingston, NY 12401
- New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Website  
[www.dec.state.ny.us](http://www.dec.state.ny.us)

## Rights of residents in Ulster County

You are entitled to prior notification of certain pesticide applications to properties adjacent to yours (see specific notification requirements for each group).

You can report non-compliance of the Neighbor Notification Law to the Ulster County Health Department at (845) 340-3021. The Health Department will follow up with each and every complaint.

## What is the Health Department's responsibility in response to complaints?

The Ulster County Health Department will investigate all complaints in a timely fashion.

The Health Department will take appropriate actions if violations are detected as outlined by the Neighbor Notification Law. This may include an administrative hearing and/or possible fine (*see Enforcement and Penalties*).