

Neighbor Notification Law

New Guidelines for Homeowners Applying Pesticides in Monroe County

- 1) Pesticides, although useful tools to control pests, may pose certain risks to the applicator and other non-target often beneficial organisms. To help reduce such risks and to increase pest control effectiveness, state and federal laws require all applicators to strictly follow all pesticide label instructions and to only use these products on the sites and pests listed on the label.
- 2) New York State Environmental Conservation Law (subdivision 1 of section 33-1004) requires individuals who apply lawn care pesticides to their residential properties within this county to post visual notification markers along the perimeter of any treated area of over 100 square feet.
- 3) Visual notification markers must be placed to be clearly visible to persons immediately outside the treated perimeter; and,
 - (i) must be posted at least 12 inches above the ground and be at least four inches by five inches in size; and,
 - (ii) must be in place before the pesticide is applied and must instruct persons not to enter the property and not to remove the signs for a period of 24 hours; and,
 - (iii) such instructions must be printed in letters at least three-eighths of an inch in height.

We recommend that you notify your neighbors prior to the application of pesticides so that they may take precautions to avoid pesticide exposure.

**For more information on the law, sample signs, or to contact us, go to
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