

WHAT HOMEOWNERS NEED TO KNOW

New York City has joined eight other counties in New York State in an effort to prevent unwanted pesticide exposure by adopting the State's Pesticide Neighbor Notification Law, Local Law 36 of 2005. If you own a home or property with an outdoor garden, lawn or other kind of green space containing plants, trees, or shrubs covering an area larger than 100 square feet, you must post warning signs when you use pesticides outdoors.

DO I HAVE TO POST SIGNS EVERY TIME I USE A PESTICIDE?

You must post signs whenever you apply pesticide or pesticide-containing fertilizer to any outdoor area larger than 100 square feet (for example, an area larger than 10 feet by 10 feet or 20 feet by 5 feet). A fertilizer contains pesticide if it has an EPA registration number and lists an active ingredient that is a registered pesticide.

WHEN AND WHERE DO I POST THE SIGNS?

On the same day you treat your property and before you begin any pesticide application, you must post neighbor notification signs. Every time an area larger than 100 square feet is treated you must post a minimum of two signs. Place each sign along the outside edge of your property. Make sure to post a new sign every 50 feet and keep them posted for at least 24 hours.

WHAT SHOULD THE SIGN SAY?

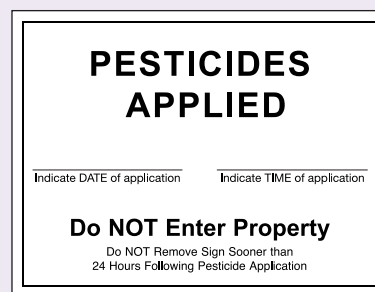
The sign must include:

- The words "PESTICIDE APPLICATION," or "PESTICIDE TREATMENT," or "PESTICIDES APPLIED"
- The date and time of the application
- Instructions not to remove the sign within 24 hours of its posting

In addition:

- The sign must measure at least 4 inches by 5 inches.
- It must be easy to read, with text printed in a contrasting color from the background. The letters must be at least 3/8 inch tall.
- The top of the sign should be at least 12 inches off of the ground.

Download a sample sign at: nyc.gov/health/LL36.



CAN I PROTECT MY LAWN WITHOUT USING HAZARDOUS PESTICIDES?

Yes, many resources are available to show you how, including:

- **Grassroots Healthy Lawn Program**
www.ghlp.org
- **United States Environmental Protection Agency**
www.epa.gov/pesticides/controlling/garden.htm
- **Quebec Government**
www.mddep.gouv.qc.ca/pesticides/jardinier-en/index.htm

MORE INFORMATION

- New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: www.nyc.gov/health/LL36
- The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation: www.dec.state.ny.us/website/dshm/pesticid/home.pdf

Call 311 to report violations of Local Law 36.