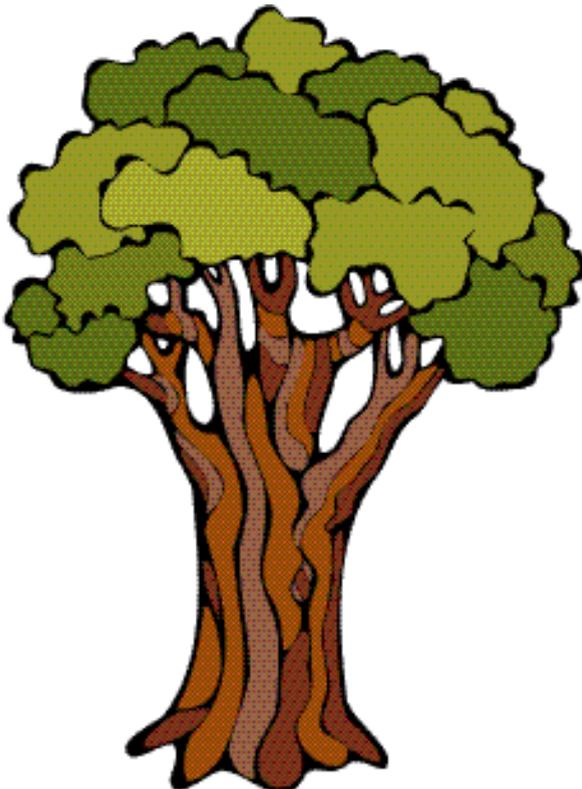




City of Boulder
PESTICIDE ORDINANCE

NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS
FOR OUTDOOR
PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS



Pesticide Ordinance

The City of Boulder's Pesticide Ordinance (Section 6-10-1 B.R.C. 1981) requires that Boulder residents be notified when and where pesticides are used. The ordinance does not prohibit or limit the use of pesticides.

The following are considered pesticides:

Herbicides Nematocides
Insecticides Rodenticides Fungicides

Responsibility for Notification

The contracting party or user of pesticides is responsible for making the required notifications. The contracting party, commercial applicator and person actually applying pesticides are all equally responsible for notification. See "User of pesticide" in Definitions below.

Definitions

Contracting party - a person or entity who arranged commercial pesticide application.

User of pesticide - commercial applicators, contracting parties and property owners.

Pesticide - any substance or mixture of substances intended for destroying or repelling any pest.



Two Types of Applications

1. **Airborne** applications or tree spraying (over 5 feet in height) requires notification **BEFORE** and **AFTER** application.
2. **All Pesticide Use** requires notification immediately **AFTER** application **EXCEPT**:
 - Spot treatment of individual weeds.
 - Treatment of areas less than 100 square feet on a lot.

AIRBORNE APPLICATIONS

Who to Notify

BEFORE the AIRBORNE application of a pesticide, notice must be given to all occupants of adjacent properties, as illustrated below:



When to Notify

Notice must be given at least 24 hours prior to airborne application. If the application is postponed due to adverse weather conditions, the notice is valid for seven days after it is given.

How to Notify

1. **Verbal notice** to the occupants of each adjacent property, **OR**
2. **Written notice** to the occupants of each adjacent property, **OR**
3. **Post a sign** on the property to be treated. (Figure A) A sign is **REQUIRED** to be posted **AFTER** pesticide use. (Figure B)

What Is Required on Notice or Sign

1. Indication that pesticides will be applied.
2. The date of application.
3. Date the notice is given.
4. Date the notice expires, maximum of seven days.
5. Name and telephone number of a person who can give information about what was applied.

Sign Specifications

If you choose to post a sign on the property, it must be:

1. **Size**: A minimum of one foot by one foot in dimension.
2. **Color**: Dark lettering on a yellow background.
3. **Location**: Posted in a conspicuous place along the principle street frontage of the property to be sprayed.
4. **Posted**: At common access points of commercial buildings or apartment complexes.
5. A sign is **REQUIRED** to be posted for at least 24 hours **AFTER** pesticide use. (Figure B)

Figure A: Example of Sign

PESTICIDES
TO BE APPLIED

Date of Application _____

Date of Notice _____

This Notice Expires _____

Name _____

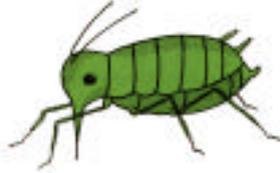
Phone _____

12" (width and height)

ALL OUTDOOR PESTICIDE USE

Notification

A sign must be posted immediately after application and remain posted for 24 hours.



Sign Requirements

1. Minimum size of 4 inches by 5 inches.
2. Dark lettering on a yellow background.
3. Posted in a conspicuous place (along principle street frontage and common access points of commercial buildings, park areas or apartment complexes).
4. Required information:
 - a. "Pesticides Applied"
 - b. Name and phone number of a person who can give information about what was applied.



Minimum size 4" x 5"

Figure B: Example of Sign

How to Obtain Signs

You may make your own signs. Signs may also be available at hardware stores or through your pesticide applicators.

Questions & Assistance

Contact the Environmental Enforcement Office with questions and to report violations of this ordinance. Call 303-441-3239 or email EEO@ci.boulder.co.us.



Sources of Information on Alternatives to Pesticide Use

- Boulder County Cooperative Extension Service Office, 303-776-4865.
- City of Boulder Office of Environmental Affairs website, www.environmentalaffairs.com , OR
- Planttalk Colorado TM – 888-666-3063 or <http://www.ext.colostate.edu/ptlk>
- Integrated Pest Management Network, Colorado State University <http://www.colostate.edu/Depts/IPM/csuiipm.html>



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