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TURF AND ORNAMENTAL NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

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This fact sheet details the notification requirements and sign specifications for commercial, limited commercial, and public turf and ornamental applicators.

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Turf and Ornamental Notification Requirements

If you are a commercial, limited commercial, or public applicator who applies pesticides in any **turf or ornamental category** in Colorado, you must post at least one sign notifying the public of the application at the start of the application.

What must the notice-of-application sign look like?

The notice-of-application signs must be water resistant and measure at least 4 inches in height and 5 inches in width. The sign must contain the following information in black lettering and symbols on a bright yellow background:

- The word "WARNING," in at least 60-point bold-faced type
- The words "PESTICIDES APPLIED," in at least 24-point bold-faced type
- The symbol of a circle at least 2 inches in diameter with a diagonal slash over an adult, child, and dog
- The name of the commercial, limited commercial, or public applicator which made the application, in at least 18-point bold-faced type



Where should I post the signs?

- The signs must be posted on a lawn or yard at the property boundary 2-5 feet from the sidewalk. If there is no sidewalk, the sign must be posted 2-5 feet from the road, or if there is no road, 2-5 feet from the property boundary
- When landscaping or other conditions would make a sign inconspicuous or illegible if the sign were posted within the distances specified above, the sign must be posted in a conspicuous area and be easily legible to any adult or child entering or passing the property on foot

- The bottom of each notice-of-application sign must project at least 18 inches above the ground and the top of the sign must be no higher than 48 inches above the ground
- For greenbelts, parks, golf courses, athletic fields, playgrounds, common property of multi-unit residential and commercial properties, or other similar recreational or common property, the signs must be posted immediately adjacent to areas within the property where pesticides have been applied in a manner that is conspicuous and easily legible to any adult or child entering the treated area(s)
- For applications on a golf course, the applicator must post a sign at the clubhouse and at the first tee and the tenth tee notifying the public of the application
- Any commercial, limited commercial, or public applicator making an aquatic pesticide application in any body of water with any legal public access must post a sign notifying the public of the application at each place of legal public access (docks, etc.)

Sign Removal

Do not remove the signs until the reentry restriction expires or until the label of the pesticide allows you to do so.

References and Resources

Pesticide Applicators' Act. Title 35, Article 10, Colorado Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry, Lakewood, CO. <http://www.ag.state.co.us/DPI/PesticideApplicator/Publications/PestAppAct.pdf>

Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Administration and Enforcement of the Pesticide Applicators' Act. Title 35, Article 10. Colorado Department of Agriculture, Division of Plant Industry, Lakewood, CO. <http://www.ag.state.co.us/DPI/PesticideApplicator/Publications/PestAppRules.pdf>

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