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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.cepep.colostate.edu/PAA.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.

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