

PESTICIDE BUREAU

Information Bulletin

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January, 1986

To: Town Clerks and Tree Wardens/Superintendents of Insect Pest Control

From: Janet Bond, Pesticide Bureau Community Liaison

Re: Exclusion of Private Property from area-wide spraying.

This is the third year of the exclusion program for residents who don't want their property sprayed during any public area-wide spraying program. The exclusion program is the result of concern by many about pesticide exposure from public area-wide spray programs. Regulations were adopted in the spring of 1983 which allow private property owners to file a letter with the town/municipal clerk stating that their property should be excluded from direct pesticide applications as a result of gypsy moth, mosquito control, and other municipal pest control programs.

A copy of the regulations is available upon request. To summarize the regulations, private property owners who wish their property excluded from public area-wide spraying (either by airplane or truck) must send to the town clerk a certified letter so stating no later than March 1.

The letter should state the following:

- 1) Name, address and telephone number of the property owner.
- 2) Names of all abutters to the property to be excluded from public area-wide spray programs.
- 3) The public area-wide spray programs which the property owner would like to be excluded from.
- 4) The method by which the property owner will identify the property line:
 - a) For ground spraying, the property line should be identified every fifty (50) feet by either orange surveying tape, or paper plates.
 - b) For aerial spray programs, the property line should be identified by helium filled balloons to be supplied by the town, district, or persons paying for the spraying.

This exclusion, once filed, is effective from April 1 of the year filed through March 31 of the following year. The exclusion may be overridden:

- 1) By the Commissioner of the State Department of Public Health, if an application is made to protect the Public Health.
- 2) By the Commissioner of the State Department of Environmental Management, if an application is made to contain an infestation of a recently introduced pest.
- 3) By the Commissioner of the Department of Food and Agriculture, if an application is made to contain an insect infestation which poses a threat to agriculture.

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Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture

Pesticide Bureau
100 Cambridge Street
Boston, MA 02202
(617) 727-7712 or 727-2863



[NOTE: This exclusion is only good for public area-wide pesticide application programs, such as mosquito or gypsy moth control.

If you have any questions or problems please contact me at the Pesticide Bureau.

Optional form to Request Exclusion from Public Area-Wide Pesticide Applications

To: Town Clerk:

Pursuant to regulations adopted by the Mass. Pesticide Board
(333 CMR 10.03 (21)), I hereby register the property listed below for
exclusion from public area-wide pesticide applications for the year _____.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ PHONE: _____

(Please Print)

The following are abutters to the above property:

I request exclusion from the following public area-wide pesticide application
programs:

The boundaries of the property to be excluded will be marked every 50 feet
using paper plates or other appropriate means.

Specify: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Comm. from Janet Bond, Pesticide Bureau Community Liason, Mass. Dept. of Food & Agriculture Re: exclusion of private property from area wide pesticide spraying during any public area-wide spraying program.

copy sent to Councilman Wolf, Chair,
Committee on Environment 1/31/86 mh

copy sent to the City Manager 1/15/86 mh
copies sent to Public Works, Health &
Hospitals Commissioner, Planning &
Community Development & Jill Herold
Human Services 1/15/86 - copy set aside
for Environment Committee when appointed.

In City Council, mh

January 13, 1986

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Engg. - Copies to
P.W.D. H.S.H.
Copies to Environment
Comm Dev Human
Services