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*Example of sign:*

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New York State Environmental Conservation Law (subdivision 1 of section 33-1004) requires individuals who apply lawn care pesticides to their residential properties within this county to post visual notification markers along the perimeter of any treated area of over 1000 square feet.

Visual notification markers must be placed to be clearly visible to passers immediately outside the treated perimeter; and

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## Enforcement and Penalties

The Neighbor Notification Law will be enforced by the Westchester County Department of Health and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

The penalties set forth for retailers in the Neighbor Notification Law are up to a maximum of:

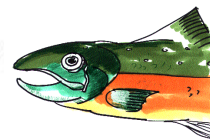
- a written warning and educational materials for the first violation;
- a \$100 fine for the second violation;
- a \$250 fine for the third and subsequent violations.

*These penalties may be levied only after a hearing or opportunity to be heard.*

For more information, call the Westchester County Department of Health at (914) 813 - 5000  
or  
see our website at  
[www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health)

This brochure is intended to provide highlights of the Neighbor Notification Law. Obtain a full copy of the law to ensure you are in full compliance. Copies can be obtained from the Westchester County Department of Health or visit our website [www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health).

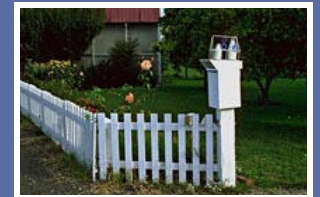
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## The Neighbor Notification Law for Retailers



### What you need to know before selling pesticide products in Westchester County

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# The Neighbor Notification Law\*

**Retailers that sell general use pesticides must post an informational sign as close as possible to each display location of such pesticides.**



**\*The Neighbor Notification Law of 2000, formally known as chapter 285 of the Laws of 2000, added new provisions to Title 10 of Article 33 of Environmental Conservation Law (ECL), regarding posting of visual notification markers for residential lawn applications, posting of signs at certain retail establishments, and mandating neighbor notification of certain commercial lawn applications. The Neighbor Notification Law became effective on March 1, 2001.**

## What does the law require for Retailers under the Neighbor Notification Law?

Any retail establishment that sells general use pesticides labeled for commercial or residential lawn application uses must post in a conspicuous place as close as possible to each display location of such pesticides the informational sign required by the Neighbor Notification Law. Information on the sign must be printed in letters at least 16 point bold type against a brightly colored background.

## How can I Get a Copy of the Required Informational Sign?

Copies of the sign are available through the following locations. Additional signs may be photocopied on brightly colored paper or you may make your own sign using only the language to the right on brightly colored paper.

- Local Town or City Hall
- Libraries
- Westchester County Department of Health District Offices
- Westchester County Department of Health Website  
[www.westchestergov.com/health](http://www.westchestergov.com/health)
- The Westchester County Department of Health, 145 Huguenot Street, New Rochelle, NY 10801 (914) 813-5000
- The Westchester County Office of Consumer Protection, 112 East Post Road, White Plains, NY 10601 (914) 995-2155.

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