

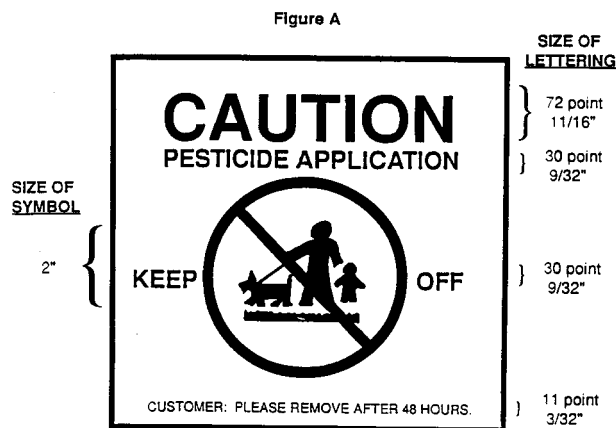
SIGN POSTING REQUIREMENTS FOR PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS MADE ON THE GROUNDS OF MARYLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS

A. STANDARD SIGN

Licenses and permittees must post a sign at the time a pesticide is applied to school grounds. For the purpose of the regulations pertaining to *Integrated Pest Management and Notification of Pesticide Use in a Public School Building or on School Grounds* (Annotated Code of Maryland 15.05.02.11), the term “pesticide” does not include a disinfectant, sanitizer, deodorizer or bait station. The sign must conform to the specifications described below.

Sign Specifications and Requirements

1. The size must be 4 inches high and 5 inches wide.
2. It must be made of a sturdy, weather resistant material.
3. It must be rigid, as opposed to a flag.
4. The color must be a yellow background with black bold-faced lettering.
5. The information on the front of the sign must have the same words and symbols in specified sizes as shown below (Figure A).



6. Information on the back of the sign must:
 - a. List the date of application;
 - b. List the name of the licensee/permittee;
 - c. List the telephone number of the licensee/permittee;
 - d. Be at least 18 point type (5/32 inch) in size; and
 - e. Be either stamped or hand printed on the sign printed on a stick-on label and placed on the sign, or printed on the sign.
7. The stake must be flexible, preferably not wire.
8. The bottom of the sign must be at least 12 inches, but not more than 16 inches, above the surface of the soil.

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9. The sign must be placed at one of the following locations:
 - a. At each primary access to the property treated, with the front of the sign facing the access;
 - b. If only a spot pesticide application is made, or only a small area receives a pesticide application, a sign may be posted at the location where the pesticide application was made, with the front of the sign facing the probable path of access to the area.
10. The sign must be posted for at least 48 hours following the pesticide application.

B. VARIANCE SIGN

For parks and similar sites, the Department may allow licensees or permittees, before posting the sign, to vary the sign characteristics outlined above. In order for a variance to be approved by the Department when a pesticide is applied to large areas of school grounds, the following conditions must be met.

Variance Sign Specifications and Requirements

1. A sign must be posted in a conspicuous place at each primary access to the treated area and where a passerby or persons entering the treated area can read the sign.
2. The size of the sign must be at least 12 inches high and 18 inches wide.
3. It must be made of a sturdy, weather resistant material.
4. The sign must have a light background, preferably yellow, with black bold-faced lettering that is no less than ½ inch high.
5. The words "Caution - Pesticide Application", the date and time of the application, name of the licensee or permittee and "For Further Information: (Name and Telephone Number of the Contact Person) must be printed on the sign.
6. The sign must be placed for at least 48 hours following the pesticide application.

For additional information on Maryland's posting, notification and IPM requirements for Public Schools contact the Maryland Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Regulation Section at (410)841-5710.