

Minutes
Contra Costa County IPM Advisory Committee
Posting Task Force
March 3, 2020

Members present: Jim Donnelly, Larry Yost, Carlos Agurto

Members absent: Stephen Pree

Staff present: Wade Finlinson, IPM Coordinator

Members of the public present: none

1. Introductions

2. Public comment on items not on the agenda

None

3. Discuss posting policy, current and proposed signage, and the *Pesticide Application Notifications* section of the IPM Program Website and determine which elements require further revision in order to achieve uniformity and to incorporate recent feedback from the Transportation, Water, and Infrastructure Committee (TWIC) of the Board of Supervisors.

The Task Force reviewed the feedback from the November 2019 TWIC meeting as well as other considerations and made the suggested edits found on the attached draft of the Pesticide Use Posting and Notification Policy.

4. Plan agenda for the next meeting

The Task Force did not select a date for the next meeting. The agenda will be focused on final approval of the posting and signage documents

CONTRA COSTA COUNTY PESTICIDE USE POSTING AND NOTIFICATION POLICY

General Provisions

This policy applies only to land and facilities owned ~~by~~ or under the control of ~~by~~ the County of Contra Costa.

Any County Department that uses or authorizes the use of a pesticide shall comply with the following posting and notification procedures:

- Signs shall be posted at least three (3) days before application of the pesticide and remain posted at least four (4) days after application. In specific situations/locations, permanent signs may also be used. See provisions below under ~~“Exemptions” and “Other Uses of Permanent Signs”~~.
- Application information shall be posted on the County website’s pesticide posting page at least three (3) days before the application. If the application is postponed or changed, information on the website must be updated.
- If treatment is in an enclosed area, signs shall be posted at all major public and employee entry points.
- If treatment is in an open area, signs shall be posted at highly visible location(s).
- If treatment is on the property of an adult or juvenile detention facility where posting placement is limited, the chief medical officer at that facility must be annually notified through the IPM Coordinator. The notification should include a list of pesticides that may be used.
- If rodenticides are used in bait stations for rats or mice, bait stations shall be posted at eye level on the wall or other structure above the bait station.
- Exceptions to these provisions are listed below under “Exemptions”.

Contents of Signs

The signs shall be of a standardized design, easily recognizable by the public and County employees and shall contain the following information:

1. Name of pesticide product
2. Active ingredient(s) in the product
3. United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) or California State registration number
4. Target pest
5. Acute health hazard warning (from the label’s precautionary statement)
6. Area to be treated
7. Method of treatment
8. Date(s) of anticipated use; a window of time for anticipated use is acceptable
9. Date of re-entry for staff and the public to the treated area, if applicable
10. Date application is completed
11. Name and contact number of County Department responsible for the application
12. IPM website address for more information
13. IPM Coordinator name and contact information
14. National Pesticide Information Center contact information
15. A web address or quick response (QR) code linking to the County website’s pesticide posting page
16. A disclaimer saying, “Direct exposure to certain pesticides may cause acute or chronic health effects on humans and animals.”
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- ~~15.~~
- ~~16.~~

Exemptions

Departments shall *not* be required to post signs in accordance with the provisions above

1. in roadway rights-of-way

~~1,2.~~ on airport property specifically regarding vegetation management

~~2,3.~~ in other areas where the general public has not been granted access for use for recreation or pedestrian purposes. Recreation is defined as any activity where significant physical contact with the treated area is

likely to occur.

Note: In the case of numbers 1 or 2, each department that uses pesticides in such locations shall provide a public access telephone number for information about pesticide applications. The public access telephone number shall be posted in a prominent location at the department's main office building. Information provided to callers shall include all items listed under "Contents of Signs", above.

4. in or around County-owned or -leased buildings, if the pesticide is on a list agreed to by the IPM Advisory Committee.Coordinator.
5. in facilities subject to *The Healthy Schools Act (HSA)*. Posting requirements in such facilities will be in accordance with HSA laws and regulations as applicable. Where feasible, every effort should be made to post in a manner consistent with both HSA parameters and this policy in and around facilities that house school or childcare programs. In the event of conflicting posting and notification requirements, HSA guidelines supersede those outlined in this policy.
- 3-6. when using antimicrobial pesticides such as sanitizers and disinfectants intended for use on objects or surfaces. These products are pesticides and must be used according to the label by trained personnel. Annual HSA training is required by all staff who use antimicrobial pesticides at facilities that house school or childcare programs.

Note: ~~Each County building shall post a permanent sign in a prominent location with a list of pesticides that may be used in or around the structure without individual postings. Pesticides not on this list must be posted in accordance with the provisions above. The permanent signs shall contain the following:~~

- a. ~~Name of the pesticide product~~
- b. ~~Active ingredient(s) in the product~~
- c. ~~Acute health hazard warning (from the label's precautionary statement)~~
- d. ~~Areas inside or outside the building where the pesticide might be used~~
- e. ~~Name and contact number of County Department responsible for applications~~

Any pesticide granted an emergency exemption for public health emergencies or other urgent situations by the County IPM Coordinator shall not be required to be posted prior to treatment. However, all other requirements for posting, as set forth above, shall be followed.

Use of any pesticide listed by the Organic Materials Research Institute or of any products on the FIFRA 25(b) list or in California Code of Regulations Section 6147 may be posted on the day of application. All other provisions listed above apply.

The County IPM Coordinator may, at his or her discretion, grant necessary exemptions to the posting requirements. Such exemptions will be documented with the reason for the exemption.

Permanent Signs

Each County building shall post a permanent sign in a prominent location with a list of pesticides that may be used in or around the structure without individual postings. Pesticides not on this list must be posted in accordance with the provisions above.

Any permanent sign shall contain the following information OR provide a link to the County website's pesticide posting page containing the following:

- a. Name of the pesticide product
- b. Active ingredient(s) in the product
- c. Acute health hazard warning (from the label's precautionary statement)
- d. Areas inside or outside the building where the pesticide might be used
- e. Name and contact number of County Department responsible for applications

Other Uses of Permanent Signs

In addition to the provisions above regarding permanent signs in and around buildings, the use of permanent signs are ~~acceptable~~ generally discouraged, but may be an effective public communication tool in certain locations. Some areas away from ~~county~~County-owned or -leased buildings where pesticide applications are a regular, periodic occurrence and others such as parks and walkways that are specifically intended for public

recreation or pedestrian purposes may be appropriate. The following provisions apply:

- ~~1. The permanent sign must contain, at minimum, the following information~~
 - ~~a. Target pest(s)~~
 - ~~b. Reason for treatment~~
 - ~~c. For additional information contact: Name and contact number of County Department responsible for applications~~
 - ~~d. Posting website address for more information~~
 - ~~e. General statement on when treatment is likely to occur, e.g., “spring” or “May–June”~~
- 2.1. At least three (3) days before any pesticide application, the application information must be posted on the County website’s pesticide posting page. If the application is postponed or changed, information on the website must be updated.
- 3.2. On the actual day of the pesticide application prior to beginning application, a paper sign with the information listed above under “Contents of Signs” must be affixed to the permanent sign and remain for at least four (4) days.



NOTICE OF PESTICIDE TREATMENT



Contra Costa County Public Works

Contra Costa County has reduced its pesticide use by 88% since the County initiated its Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program. The County's IPM Policy focuses on long-term pest prevention and combines the use of physical, horticultural, biological, and chemical methods to manage pests. When pesticides must be used, they are selected and applied in a manner that minimizes risks to human health, to beneficial and non-target organisms and to the environment.

**PREVENTION
FIRST**



**NON-CHEMICAL
METHODS NEXT**



**LEAST-HAZARDOUS PESTICIDES
AS A LAST RESORT**

Considering the above, it has been decided that a pesticide treatment is necessary in this area.

Avoid area during active pesticide application.

Pesticide Trade Name:

Active Ingredient(s):

Acute (short-term) health hazard warning:

EPA Number:

Target Pest(s):

Method of Treatment:

Area(s) to be Treated:

Date of Scheduled Application:

Date/Time it is okay to re-enter (per EPA label):

Date Completed:

Direct exposure to certain pesticides may cause acute or chronic health effects on humans and animals.



For more information about this treatment, contact
Contra Costa County Public Works at 925-313-7052 or
Wade Finlinson, IPM Coordinator at wade.finlinson@cchealth.org

For more information on IPM: cchealth.org/ipm/notification.php
Scan the QR Code at right to be taken to the County IPM website.

For more information on pesticides, contact
National Pesticide Information Center at 800-858-7378 or
www.npic.orst.edu. Open 8:00 AM to noon, Monday-Friday.

