

333 CMR 13.06

Regulations Relative to the Use of Pesticides to Maintain Turf in Massachusetts

Introduction

On February 9, 2007 revisions were passed on 333 CMR Section 13.00 the Standard of Applications. The following are the changes that were made that are specific to pesticide application made on turf. It is recommended that applicators review all of section 13.00 as there are additional revisions that may affect the applicator.

333 CMR 13.06(1)(c): Upon completion of each application, the applicator or his/her employer shall leave at the residence a written statement containing the following information:

1. Name and license/certification number of the applicator
 2. The name(s) and EPA Registration Number(s) of the pesticide products and that were applied to the property and for what purpose
 3. Any precautions indicated on the labeling relative to post-application requirements and;
 4. Date and time of application
- ***EPA Registration Number is the new addition to information left with the contracting entity***

333 CMR 13.06(1)(d): Owners who occupy the residences associated with the turf being treated may waive the above requirements (13.06(c)) under the following conditions:

1. The property owner and immediate family are the only persons occupying the property being treated; or
2. The residence is unoccupied and will remain unoccupied for a minimum of 72 hours after the application is made.

The waiver must be at the written request of the property owner and made using a Department approved form. Completed forms must be maintained by the applicator or his/her employer for three years.

- ***This whole section is new. The waiver will only be good for one year and should be renewed on an annual basis if the contracting entity desires.***

333 CMR 13.06(1)(e): Prior to commencing each application, the applicator shall post a sign or signs, approved by the Department, on the turf intended for treatment. The applicator must leave such sign(s) posted on the property and shall instruct the customer that signs should neither be removed sooner than 24 hours after the application was made nor left up for more than 72 hours. Said signs must be posted at conspicuous points of access to the property.

- ***The 24 hours period is the new revision to this section***

333 CMR 13.06(2)(c): *Same as 13.06(1)(c)*

333 CMR 13.06(c)(d): *Same as 13.06(1)(e)*

333 CMR 13.06(3): Golf Courses. In addition to the requirements of 333 CMR 13.06(2)(a) through (c), the following provisions shall apply to the application of pesticides made for the control of turf pests on golf courses:

(a) All records of pesticides application made for the control of turf pests on golf courses shall be kept on-site and made available to any individual upon a reasonable request.

(b) Prior to commencing each application, the applicator shall post signs, approved by the Department. The applicator must leave such signs posted on the property and shall instruct that they not be removed sooner than 24 hours after the application was made nor left up for more than 72 hours. Said signs must be posted at the following points:

1. At the location where individuals must register or sign in before use of the turf;
2. At the first tee; and
3. At the tenth tee, if applications are made to turf that is used to play or access holes ten through 18 of the course.

- *This is a whole new section.*