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From: tom woodruff [mailto:twoodruff@maine.rr.com]  
Sent: Saturday, September 06, 2008 3:46 PM  
To: Jennings, Henry  
Subject: lawn application warning signs

I am a resident of Falmouth, and would like to see warning signs at some minimum distance apart. What is the requirement for this?

Of course, it would be nice if someone would remove these signs after 48 hours, too!

Ultimately (and soon, I would hope!) I would like to see all chemicals such as 24-d totally eliminated from the Casco Bay watershed.

Thanks for your attention in this.

Sincerely,

Thomas Woodruff

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**Schlein, Paul B**

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**From:** Fish, Gary  
**Sent:** Monday, September 08, 2008 9:36 AM  
**To:** 'twoodruff@maine.rr.com'  
**Cc:** Schlein, Paul B; Jennings, Henry  
**Subject:** Posting of pesticide treated lawns

Dear Tom,

The requirement for posting pesticide treated lawns is shown below (CMR 01-026 Chapter 28). There currently is no minimum distance for posting signs. They must be placed at areas where people are most likely to enter the treated area. Your comment will be passed on to our Board members in their October Board meeting folder. If you have additional questions, please reply.

**Section 3. Posting Requirements for Pesticide Applications in Certain Commercial Licensing Categories**

Where outdoor commercial pesticide applications in certification and licensing categories III(a) - Outdoor Ornamentals, III(b) - Turf, and VII(a) - Structural General will take place, the area shall be posted in a manner and at locations designed to reasonably assure that persons entering such area will see the notice. Such notice shall be posted before application activities commence and shall remain in place at least two days following the completion of the application. The sign shall be sufficient if it meets the following minimum specifications:

- A. The sign must be at least five (5) inches wide and four (4) inches high;
- B. The sign must be made of rigid, weather resistant material that will last at least forty-eight (48) hours when placed outdoors;
- C. The sign must be light colored (white, beige, yellow or pink) with dark, bold letters (black, blue or green);
- D. The sign must bear:
  1. the word CAUTION in 72 point type;
  2. the words PESTICIDE APPLICATION in 30 point type or larger;
  3. the Board designated symbol;
  4. any reentry precautions from the pesticide labeling;
  5. the name of the company making the pesticide application and its telephone number;
  6. the date and time of the application; and
  7. a date and/or time to remove the sign.

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## Schlein, Paul B

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**From:** tom woodruff [twoodruff@maine.rr.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, September 08, 2008 9:32 AM  
**To:** Fish, Gary  
**Cc:** jpayne@cascobay.org; Schlein, Paul B; Lamb, Peggy  
**Subject:** Re: YardScaping Lawn Sign order

Thanks, Gary, for the response.

I think education only goes so far. The stuff is on the shelves at Walmart, so how do you expect it to be used?

I grew up in the 1950s and 1960s, and I remember the smell of Chlordane on lawns everywhere - now it's 2,4-D, and I can still smell it, even with my aging olafactories. And this is the professionally applied material!

All such applications in the Casco Bay watershed should be banned, at the very least. There may be no safe level of application for these substances - ask a lobsterman near you!

I understand that there is a trade group somewhere saying such action would be disastrous, but what they really mean is that it would be disastrous for them. These folks need to be seeking alternate careers.

My apologies if this seems like a tirade - I don't expect one or two emails to have much of an impact, but I do intend to do everything I can to effect an end to the use of these materials.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Woodruff

On Sep 8, 2008, at 7:46 AM, Fish, Gary wrote:

> Dear Tom,

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> Thank you for your interest in YardScaping. Would you like to be placed on our email list? We send infrequent educational messages.

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> As for your comment on 2,4-D, the first step is to get people to stop using it as a broadcast treatment. We encourage people to minimize reliance on pesticides and ask them to stop using weed & feed products which require treatment of the entire lawn with herbicides.

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> Sent: Saturday, September 06, 2008 3:29 PM

> To: Schlein, Paul B; Fish, Gary; Lamb, Peggy

> Subject: YardScaping Lawn Sign order

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> YardScaping Lawn Sign order from:

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