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MEMORANDUM NO. 825

TO: All Pest Control Licensees

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SUBJECT: Requirements for Posting a Notice of Pesticide Application

The purpose of this memorandum is to assist pest control licensees in understanding the requirements of Section 482.2265(2), Florida Statutes (F.S.), as they relate to the posting of a notice subsequent to a pesticide application made to a lawn or to exterior foliage.

Section 482.2265(2), F.S. states, “*Any person who is licensed or certified under this chapter, including any person who is a limited certificateholder, shall post a notice in a conspicuous location at the time of application of a pesticide to a lawn or exterior foliage*”.

Some questions that are commonly asked by the pest control industry pertaining to this section and the Department’s response follow:

1. Is posting necessary if the pesticide applied is a dry granular or dust type formulation?.....**Yes**, the posting requirement pertains to any pesticide, regardless of formulation type.
2. If a pesticide is applied as a perimeter band around the outside of a structure in conjunction with a general household pest treatment, am I required to post a notice?.....**Yes**, if the application is made directly to turf or ornamentals as part of the perimeter treatment. **No**, if the application is made to the plant bed mulch/soil or to the exterior surfaces of the structure.
3. Is posting specific to any particular category of pest control?.....**No**, although most posting may occur as a result of lawn and ornamental pest control treatments, pesticide applications performed to turf and/or ornamentals for the control and prevention of other category pests (i.e. general household pests) are included in the requirement to post.



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4. How do I determine what is a “conspicuous” location to post a notice?.....The language in this section of the statute was intentional in order to allow for some flexibility on the part of the person posting the notice. It would be impractical to attempt to specifically describe by rule where to post a notice that would apply to every situation. The notice should be posted in an easy to see, obvious location indicative of the treatment area. More than one sign might be required for larger areas to delineate the treatment area.
5. Is it necessary to post a notice if only a small spot application is being performed to an area of lawn or if only one or two shrubs are being treated?.....Yes, the statutory language does not limit the requirement to post only when performing entire lawn or ornamental applications.
6. Does the term “exterior foliage” include weeds?.....Yes.
7. How long does the notice have to stay posted?.....There is no set or required period of time that the notice must remain posted. The pesticide applicator has complied with the law by posting the notice and is not responsible for removing the notice.

If you have additional questions concerning this topic, please direct them to Mike Page at 850.921.4177 or Phill Helseth at 904.381.6004.

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