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Enclosed please find a notice relative to pesticide exclusions which outlines the steps that should be taken by residents wishing to have their properties excluded from pesticide applications.

We ask that you please display this notice in a prominent place, and forward it to local media outlets for inclusion. Please forward to any concerned parties that may have an interest in the mosquito/gypsy moth exclusion.

Members of our staff will be stopping by your office sometime after April 1, 2014 to collect copies of any pesticide exclusions filed with your office per 333CMR 13.03 (1)(b).

We would like to thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Timothy D. Deschamps
 Executive Director

Enc: (Pesticide Exclusion information)

cc: Board of Health

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PESTICIDE EXCLUSION

The Exclusion Program was implemented by the Department of Food and Agriculture to allow land owners to exclude their property from public area-wide applications of pesticides (see 333 CMR 13.03 - Exclusions from Pesticide Application). This reads in part:

13.03 (1) (b) Designation for exclusion from Wide Area Applications of pesticides and mosquito control applications of pesticides approved by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board may be made by supplying the clerk of the municipality in which such lands lie with a certified letter providing the name, address, and telephone number (if any) of the person requesting the exclusion, the address of the property to be excluded, and a description of the types of pesticide application programs for which exclusion is requested.

13.03 (1) (c) Designation for exclusion may be made prior to March 1st of each year and shall be effective from April 1st of that year through March 31st of the following year.

13.03 (2) (b) Ground Applications: The person requesting exclusion shall mark the boundaries or areas to be excluded at least every 50 feet with orange surveyor's tape or another Department-approved marking device which clearly defines the area of exclusion. These markings shall be made known to the Contracting Entity, who shall be responsible for communicating the details of their marking to those who will carry out the application.

This program began in 1983 in response to public concerns about pesticide exposure through public area-wide applications. Generally, the only pesticide application programs affected by this exclusion program are those for the gypsy moth and the mosquito.

Requests for exclusion shall not be honored in those cases which:

- 1) *The Commissioner of Public Health has certified that the application is made to protect the Public Health;*
- 2) *The Commissioner of Environmental Management has certified that the application is necessary to contain an infestation of a recently introduced pest; or*
- 3) *The Commissioner of Food and Agriculture has certified that an application is necessary to contain an infestation of a pest which is a significant threat to agriculture.*

The full text may be found at <http://www.lawlib.state.ma.us/source/mass/cmr/333cmr.html>.

Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions, and please access our website at www.cmmcp.org for more information on the Central Massachusetts Mosquito Control Project.

RESOURCES: The Pesticide Bureau at (617) 626-1700