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Want To Know About Pesticides Sprayed Near Your Home?

### ***New Pesticide Notification Registry Takes Effect***

AUGUSTA—A new law takes effect on September 12 that will provide a simple way to be notified about how, what, when, and where pesticides are being sprayed near your home. This public registry, a list of names and contact information, will allow interested parties to receive notification about outdoor pesticide applications made by airplanes, helicopters, mist blowers, or air-blast sprayers. The registry is required as part of LD 1293, *An Act To Require Citizen Notification of Pesticide Applications Using Aerial Spray or Air-carrier Application Equipment*, passed by the Maine State Legislature and signed by Governor Baldacci last June.

The law gives the Maine Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) the responsibility for developing and maintaining the registry, where any resident of property in Maine can be included, free of charge. According to the law, anyone on the registry located within 1,320 feet (one-quarter mile) of an area being sprayed will have to be notified at least 24 hours, but not more than seven days, before a pesticide application by air or air-assisted equipment is to be made.

To be placed on the 2010 registry, names must be submitted by March 15, 2010. The registry will be made available to pesticide applicators no later than April 1, 2010. Names will remain on the registry until the BPC is notified in writing to remove a specific listing, or until it is determined that a contact is no longer valid.

To signup on the registry, go to the BPC website, [www.thinkfirstspraylast.org](http://www.thinkfirstspraylast.org), or contact the BPC at 207-287-2731 for a registry application form.

*The Maine Board of Pesticides Control is the lead state agency for pesticide regulation. It is an administrative unit of the Maine Department of Agriculture, Food and Rural Resources, with policy decisions made by a seven-member, public board.*

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