

OFFICIAL NOTICE

INSECT INFESTATION EMERGENCY DECLARATION

An infestation of Japanese beetle has been found in your immediate neighborhood. The Commissioner of the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food with consent of the Governor of the State of Utah has declared an Insect Infestation Emergency according to Utah State Code 4-35-1 thru 4-35-9 for the eradication of the Japanese beetle. It will be necessary to spray the insecticide Acelepryn (Chlorantraniliprole), and Tempo Ultra SC (beta cyfluthrin) to soil, turf, planting beds, trees and shrubs on your property. These products are commonly used by lawn care companies to attack the immature and adult beetles feeding on plants. This treatment program will occur at no cost to homeowners.

If allowed to establish the Japanese beetle would become a serious pest to homeowners and to our state's agricultural industry. This insect would also impact the quality of life enjoyed by urban and rural residents by requiring frequent chemical control efforts. The beetle is already established in several states in the Eastern U.S., and is causing significant damage to lawns and gardens. Utah law requires the State to protect the agricultural industry and its citizens from this damaging insect. **The treatment insecticides, Acelepryn (Chlorantraniliprole) and Tempo Ultra SC (beta cyfluthrin), are considered very safe** for residential use when applied correctly.

This notice is to inform you that Eco Life, as contracted by the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, will begin applying treatments to the infested area on June 1, 2009. **This is a vital program, and we are counting on your participation.** According to Utah Code 4-35-7, if you choose to prohibit spraying, you must present an affidavit (get affidavit at www.ag.utah.gov) from your physician to the department which states the planned spraying is a danger to your health. An alternative method to insecticide treatments will be provided to you. The cost of such alternative treatment will be your responsibility. If the owner/occupant does not notify the department by June 1, 2009 of your choice of the alternative plan, your property will be scheduled for treatment.

You do not need to be present during the treatment as long as we have access to your property, including the backyard.

You will receive notice 48 - 72 hours prior to our arrival.

IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU IN WRITING OR BY E-MAIL BEFORE APPLICATORS ARRIVE TO TREAT YOUR PROPERTY, WE WILL ASSUME WE HAVE CONSENT TO TREAT AND WILL PROCEED WITH THE TREATMENT AS SCHEDULED.

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