



## **Topic: Conspicuous, not Numerous, Signs Required for Treatments**

**Question:** We live in a condominium complex. Our pest control company recently sprayed the lawns of about 15 contiguous units. We've asked them to put up a sign at each unit stating that the lawn was recently sprayed. They tell us that the law does not require a posted sign at every unit. What's the truth?

J. and W., Estero

**Answer:** The language pertaining to this section of the Florida statute merely states that a sign must be placed in a "conspicuous location" after pesticide application. It does not specify the number of signs per unit length. The language 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, pinpointing the treatment area. More than one sign might be required for larger areas to mark the treatment area.

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