

Letter from Board to Owners re: Landscape Pesticide Services
August 2023

Dear Neighbors-Friends,

Recent State of Oregon legislation, HB 2409, requires that HOAs provide opportunities for Owners to opt out of certain landscape maintenance practices concerning pesticides. Effective January 1, 2022, Owners of private property in HOAs may request to be exempted from pesticide applications on their own property. A few key points:

- Oregon Revised Statutes or ORS are the codified laws of the State of Oregon. Pesticides are defined in [ORS 634.006](#).
- HOA Boards, Association Managers, and Landscape Contractors have the administrative responsibility to ensure compliance.
- It is the Owner's responsibility to initiate the opt-out. Renters/Lesseees must work through Owners to make their requests known to the HOA. If opted out of pesticide services, Owners are obligated to maintain their yard to reasonable standards for landscaping that allow for consistent appearances within the community. HOAs are allowed to enforce compliance with maintenance to the association's standards if necessary. See [ORS 94.763](#).
- Private properties which are opted out of pesticide applications are clearly designated with specific signs. The sign alerts landscape service providers to the status of that property. There may be a small cost associated with purchase of the sign.
- Our Board provides Owners with a form to communicate landscape service preferences. "[Landscape Service Single Family Owner Opt-Out Options](#)" is available on-line through the Owner web site portal as well in the vestibule of the Clubhouse.
- The Board is preparing further guidelines to govern communications concerning pesticide applications in Stoneybrook Village.

Additional relevant information:

- The National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) located at OSU features a toll free number and an extensive web site [<http://npic.orst.edu>] with many fact sheets on a wide array of topics. As described on the web site, "NPIC provides objective, science-based information about pesticides and pesticide-related topics to enable people to make informed decisions."
- ORS 634.653: Appointment of Integrated Pest Management Coordinator — "The Dean at the College of Agricultural Sciences at Oregon State University shall appoint a faculty member of the college who has administrative and technical experience in integrated pest and production management matters to act as the State Integrated Pest Management Coordinator. The coordinator shall serve at the pleasure of the dean."

Sincerely,
SVOA Board of Directors