

Kiwifruit Spraying

Answers to common questions



Questions	Answers
I live next door to an orchard should they notify me when they spray?	Orchards must notify the occupier of any adjoining property within 50 metres of that agrichemical use.
Our neighbour only gave us 2 hours notification before he sprayed, can he do this?	Orchards must give you no less than 12 hours' notice before spraying agrichemicals. Contact our pollution hotline 0800 884 883.
What can I do to keep safe when my neighbour is spraying?	If you are sensitive to agrichemical sprays it may be advisable to vacate your property or stay inside while spray is occurring. It may also be advisable to hang any washing out after they have applied the spray. With technology there is minimal spray drift and if you have a good shelter belt between properties there is very little risk to neighbours.
Do I need to move my stock?	It really depends on what the agrichemical is but to be safe it would be advisable to move stock away from the boundary fence while spray is occurring. Pets such as dogs and cats should be kept inside to prevent them going onto the orchard while spray is occurring.
I think I have been affected by spray what should I do?	If you think you have been poisoned seek medical attention urgently, or contact the NZ Poison Centre for advice. You will need to know what the spray is so you will need to contact the orchard in question to find out what it was.
Can Bay of Plenty Regional Council stop the neighbours spraying?	We do not have the powers to stop people spraying unless we believe a breach of the RMA is occurring.
My orchard is 300 meters from the road do I need signage at the gate?	If any part of the orchard that agrichemical spray is being applied adjoins a public road signage must be placed on the road boundary. Signage must include: The agrichemical being used, time of application, time for safe re-entry, name and contact details of the applicator.
It's really windy, should they be spraying?	Spraying in windy conditions (in excess of 20k/m) will result in off target spraying and applicators are aware that this is counterproductive. It also increases the likelihood of spray drift beyond the property boundary. It is recommended under the agrichemical spray guidelines that spraying should not be undertaken if winds exceed 20k/h.
Can I stop someone spraying their orchard because I do not like sprays?	Unfortunately you cannot stop someone spraying. Even if you believe a breach has occurred you do not have the power to stop the spray occurring. Contact our hotline if you think a breach has occurred 0800 884 883.