

THOUSAND ISLAND PARK CORPORATION

PEST CONTROL POLICY

Conventional pesticides may contain toxic ingredients that can present potential health issues if stored, applied or disposed of improperly. There are safe, natural, green alternatives and cottage owners are encouraged to try these before applying chemical insecticides. Here are two websites that provide information on "natural" pest control solutions:

http://eartheasy.com/grow_nat_pest_cntrl.htm

www.grist.org/article/2009-07-09-guide-non-toxic-pest-control

Boathouses, or any other structure within 25 feet of the shoreline, should NEVER be treated with any chemical insecticide. EMERGENCY treatments will only be allowed if approved by the Corporation Office.

When conventional pesticides or commercial pest control companies are used, it is imperative that the following guidelines be followed:

[1.] NOTIFICATION

It will be the responsibility of both the Cottage Owner and the pest control company to give contiguous neighbors - within 200' - proper notification that their property will be having pest control treatment on a specified date. Notification should be by Cottage Owner and pest control company immediately before treatment is applied. This will allow neighbors to shut windows and remove themselves and/or children and pets from that area if they so desire. Other nearby residents may also be notified, depending on proximity, wind conditions, presence of children, etc.

Pest control companies need not fulfill the notification requirements if making an interior application ONLY.

[2.] SCHEDULED SPRAYING

Residents should – whenever possible – schedule their pest control “treatments” with their respective Park-licensed pest control companies as early before Memorial Day or thereafter as possible. This will enhance safety and convenience for residents and their neighbors, and eliminate the need for treatments during the busy months of June through August.

Residents should similarly attempt to make any of their own exterior pesticide applications as early in the season as possible.

Pest Control Companies will ONLY be allowed to do “treatments” on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. NO “treatments” will be allowed on weekends (Friday thru Monday). Residents applying their own pesticides are encouraged to also treat only on these days whenever possible.

Emergency “treatments” other than allowed scheduled days will be reported to the Corporation Office by the pest control company the day of treatment. If the Corporation Office is closed at the time of the EMERGENCY treatment, the pest control company must inform the Corporation Office of the treatment on the following business day.

[3.] APPLICATION PROCESS

All pest control companies will adhere to the “minimal” treatment rule and will make every effort to minimize “over spray” and “drift”. Application methods will be modified if necessary to do so. Gas powered sprayers are not permitted for use in the Park.

[4.] REGISTRATION OF PEST CONTROL COMPANY

All Pest Control Companies must be licensed with the Corporation Office and DEC-registered to do pest control “treatments” on T.I. Park property. The currently approved pest control vendor list can be obtained from the TIP Office.

[5.] FINES

Cottage owners who violate this policy may be subject to fines up to \$100 per occurrence. Pest Control Companies that violate any provision of this policy will fall under the “3 strike rule” that is contained in the *Contractor Licensing Policy* that they have signed and agreed to abide by.

