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## Ulster County Camp Operator Letter for Pesticide Use

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Dear Camp Operator:

Legislation was recently signed into law adding Section 1396 to Public Health Law (PBH) with an effective date of June 20, 2022. The law prohibits, with some exceptions, the application of pesticides to any playground, turf or athletic or playing field at children's camps. This prohibition applies to both regulated camps and non-regulated camps (as defined in GBS §398-f), other than those on publicly owned or publicly-leased property in New York City. A guidance document titled Pesticide Application Requirements at Children's Camps has been developed to help camp operators comply with the pesticide application restriction is attached and will be posted on the New York State Department of Health's website at <https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/camps/>.

The law allows children's camps to apply for an emergency application of a pesticide to playgrounds, turf or athletic or playing fields to address a public health or environmental emergency. The Pesticide Application Requirements at Children's Camps guidance document provides examples of situations that would generally warrant emergency use of a pesticide and those that would not. Request for consideration of an emergency pesticide application should be sent to [lbel@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:lbel@co.ulster.ny.us), and specify the nature of the emergency and the proposed pesticide to be used.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Laura Bell at 845-340-3028 or [lbel@co.ulster.ny.us](mailto:lbel@co.ulster.ny.us).

Sincerely,

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