

## **D: BEE POLICY**

This bee policy applies to applications of pesticides that are toxic to bees and applying materials known to be harmful to bees. Bees are inactive from one hour after sunset to two hours before sunrise or when the temperature is below 55 degrees Fahrenheit. The sunset and sunrise times will be those indicated in the local newspaper.

Applications of pesticides toxic to bees, or materials known to be harmful to bees, shall not be made on blossoming plants except under the following conditions:

1. Persons performing pest control notifies beekeepers, after inquiring of the Commissioner for those beekeepers who have previously requested notification of such operation, within one mile of such property.
2. Each beekeeper who desires advance notice of applications of pesticides shall be available for contact, at the beekeeper's expense, to receive advance notice from persons intending to apply pesticide(s). The beekeeper shall specify a 2-hour period between 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. daily, when he or she will be available for the notification. Notification shall include the time, place, crop, acreage, method, identity and rate of pesticide.
3. Notification shall be given at least 48 hours prior to application, allowing the beekeeper time to move, cover or otherwise protect the bees.
4. If the beekeeper fails to properly protect the apiary within the 48-hour period, the application may be made without delay provided the application is not made directly over an apiary or in such a manner as to cause drift over an apiary.

These conditions shall be strictly enforced especially when bees are within the area to be treated but are not pollinating a crop.

All other pertinent laws and regulations and label requirements shall remain in effect.