
SAMPLE NEIGHBOR LETTER REGARDING SPRAY DRIFT NOTICE

February 24, 2015
Company Name
4321 First Street
Anytown, State ZIP

Dear Neighbors and Property Owners,

You are receiving this annual notice that our commercial vineyard near your property at ([indicate location](#)) is about to leaf out for the growing season. Bud break occurs as early as the second week of March and grape crops can easily be damaged, even killed, by drift from phenoxy herbicides such as 2,4-D used to kill brush and weeds. Grapes are susceptible to spray drift damage from bud break throughout the entire growing season and damage caused one season persists in grapevines for following seasons. Bud break this year is running ([late, early or on time](#)), but can happen quickly with several days of warm weather.

Please call us directly for specific details on the timing of this year's bud break.

There are many commonly sold sprays that contain chemicals damaging to grapes including but not limited to 2, 4-D, Dicamba, Crossbow, Banvel, Garlon, Weed-B-Gone, Brush Killer, and Curtail. The ester formulations are highly volatile and able to travel long distances in the air even days after being applied and are therefore more deadly to grapes than the amine formulations of these products. Please give us a call if you would like to discuss the best formulations and practices to keep spray on target, prevent drift and reduce volatilization. The enclosed Oregon State University Extension Brochure on this topic provides more information in addition to an overview document from the Oregon Winegrowers Association.

We are sending this information because we have experienced significant damage to our crop from this kind of herbicide drift in years past. Thanks to your cooperation, we had no major problems in spring of 2011, but did experience some damage from a late May ester application. We want to prevent subsequent damage to our commercial vineyard and limit our need to seek restitution by providing this information. It is very important that you share this information with your renters, farmers, landscape managers, crop advisors, and pesticide applicators because it is actually illegal to spray a product that damages a neighbors' crop, even if damage is unintentional. We appreciate your continued help with this and would like to thank you by offering you a free wine tasting when you visit during tasting room hours ([provide dates and times](#)).

Please use the password "vineyard neighbor" for your free tasting. Please feel free to call us if you have any questions or feedback, or know of other neighbors we should contact.

Respectfully Yours,