

Benton County Do Not Spray Permit

Road Name: _____

Side of Road: NORTH SOUTH EAST WEST

Section: _____

Township: _____

Name of Applicant: _____

I, _____ request that the portion of Benton County road right-of-way as described above, not be sprayed under the regular roadside spraying program. I understand that by requesting that herbicide not be used in this section of right-of-way, I assume responsibility for vegetation control in this area. I understand that the vegetation that I am required to control includes noxious weeds (as listed in the Iowa Weed Law, Chapter 317 of the Iowa Code) and brush and trees. I further understand that my request will automatically expire upon failure to control noxious weeds and brush/trees or post signs to the satisfaction of county officials. I am aware that if my request expires, the Benton County Iowa Roadside Management Program (IRM) will maintain the roadside using the same measures it uses throughout the county road system, including mowing and/or spraying with herbicides. I understand that Benton County is not bound by this request and that Benton County, its agents, or parties acting at the direction of Benton County shall not be held liable for failure to abide by this request.

Note: Do Not Spray signs are available through Benton County IRM at a rate of \$55.00 per set. Signs must be posted within 2 feet of the right-of-way line and be a minimum of 4 feet high. Only Benton County issued signs will be honored.

Print Name

Phone

Signature

Date

Street Address

City

State

Zip

Authorized County Representative

Date

Attachment to Do Not Spray Request:

- 1.) It is the landowner's responsibility to request that herbicide not be used along their frontage. This No Spray Request applies only to those sections of ROW that are adjacent to land owned by the applicant.
- 2.) The landowner is responsible for proper placement of the signs and maintaining visibility of the signs. Signs must be placed within 2 feet of the ROW line and be a minimum of 4 feet high, facing the road. Each Do Not Spray area requires 2 signs (one at each end), with arrows pointing towards the No Spray area. Only Benton County issued signs will be honored.
- 3.) Benton County's spray program is intended to reduce the spread of noxious weeds and brush, reduce snow trap problems and aid visibility along county roads.
- 4.) Benton County IRM will continue to mow or cut in areas to maintain line of sight, eliminate snow traps and remove trees that pose a hazard to motorists. The Benton County IRM maintains the right to spray herbicides along all county roadsides in conjunction with road maintenance activities and the Iowa Weed Law.
- 5.) The Iowa Department of Agriculture requires a Category 6 Right-of-Way Commercial Applicator's license to apply any herbicide in any road ROW within the State of Iowa.
- 6.) Benton County IRM requires a Benton County Work in the Right-of-Way Permit that includes provisions for doing work in the county ROW. For any questions, comments, or concerns about Benton County's noxious weed and brush control programs and policies, or for information on alternative methods to noxious weed and brush control, please contact:

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