

Car hits home on Main Street



On Friday, July 13, a vehicle crashed into a house on Main St. after hitting a truck near R St., causing it to drive through two yards in the process. The driver was arrested at the scene on suspicion of DUI and reckless driving. According to the owner of the house, Duane Taddei, this is the second time in four years a car has crashed into the home.

Photo courtesy Duane Taddei

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OSHA adds protections to reduce pesticide risks

SALEM — Oregon OSHA has adopted rules that increase protections against the risk of pesticides drifting off their mark when spraying occurs outdoors. The rules, which exceed federal requirements, will take effect Jan. 1, 2019.

The rules expand a protective zone; extend the evacuation period; require doors, windows, and air intakes to be closed during pesticide applications; and require storage for shoes and boots to prevent tracking of pesticides into worker housing.

Pesticide drift outside a treated area is already illegal. How-

ever, Oregon OSHA's rules further address the risk by adding safeguards for workers and their families who rely on farm housing.

At issue is the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Application Exclusion Zone (AEZ). The zone is adjacent to — but outside of — the pesticide-treated area. It provides an added level of protection beyond the safeguards enforced with respect to the treated area itself.

The EPA's rule requires people to move 100 feet away from an area being treated with pesticides. However, it was designed

for workers in the field. It did not account for the interaction of the AEZ with worker housing and other agricultural structures.

Oregon OSHA's rules exceed those of the EPA in other ways, including: For pesticides that require applicators to use respirators, the AEZ expands to 150 feet — 50 feet more than the EPA rule. People must stay out of the zone for an additional 15 minutes. There is no option to stay indoors.

For all pesticide applications, doors and windows must be shut, and air intakes must be turned off before people evacu-

ate or remain inside an enclosed agricultural structure. During evacuation, the EPA rule does not include such requirements.

Closeable storage areas for shoes or boots must be provided to prevent tracking of pesticides into worker housing. The EPA rule includes no such requirements.

Employers must adhere to notification and instruction requirements, including informing people of the start and stop times of pesticide spray, and providing them with instructions to close windows, doors, and air intakes.

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In the United States, nearly nine out of 10 wildfires are caused by people not being careful. Help Smokey prevent these types of fires by learning to be careful and helping others do the same. Make sure that the grownups building your next campfire follow all the rules below, and tell them to check out Campfire Safety to learn even more. Make sure you are at a site that allows campfires. Make sure there are no burn bans and it's not too windy. Dig a pit away from overhanging branches. Circle the pit with rocks. Clear a 10-foot area around the pit down to the dirt, removing anything that could catch on fire. Stack extra wood upwind and away from fire. After lighting, throw the match into the fire. Never leave a campfire unattended; an adult should supervise the campfire at all times. Keep a bucket of water and shovel nearby. Never put anything but wood into the fire. Do not pull sticks out of the fire. Do not sit on the fire ring or rocks around the campfire. They will heat up quickly and they'll stay hot for a long time. When it's time to put the fire out, dump lots of water on it, stir it with a shovel, then dump more water on it. Make sure it is COLD before leaving the campsite. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave! And remember, Smokey's friends never play

with matches, lighters, lighter fluid or other flammable liquids. If you find any of these items, tell a grownup where they are. If you see younger children playing with them, tell them to stop, and then tell a grownup. Kids who help prevent wildfires deserve a Smokey Bear Hug.



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