



Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont

An organization of farmers, gardeners, and consumers working to promote an economically viable and ecologically sound Vermont food system

Vermont Organic Farmers Neighboring Land Use Affidavit

This form is to be used by certified producers to document that they have communicated with landowners that prohibited materials are not used adjacent to certified land. This form must be updated annually.

Certified Farm Name: _____

Farmer Name: _____

Neighboring Landowner Name: _____

Neighboring Landowner Phone Number: _____

Adjacent Property Is In...

Agricultural Use: Hay Corn Other

Non-Agricultural Use: Residential/Lawn

What inputs are applied to the neighboring property? _____

Does the neighboring landowner maintain a buffer from your certified fields? _____

If yes, what size is the buffer? _____

Which certified organic field(s) does this property border? _____

I, _____, do verify that I have communicated with the adjacent landowner regarding their land management practices over the previous three years.

I have confirmed with my neighbor that no materials considered prohibited by the USDA National Organic Program (NOP) have been applied to their property for three years.

If prohibited materials have been applied to the adjacent property in the past 3 years, I agree to keep an appropriate buffer distance between harvested organic crops.

Signature of certified organic farmer: _____ Date: _____

When is a Buffer Needed?

VOF recommends organic producers maintain a minimum 50-foot buffer zone from adjacent agricultural land that uses substances prohibited by the NOP, unless the buffer consists of a dense hedgerow. In this case, a 30-foot minimum buffer may be sufficient.

VOF recommends organic producers maintain a 15-foot buffer from residential properties that use prohibited substances.

Buffer zones must be maintained for at least three years after the last application of prohibited pesticides or fertilizers on adjacent land.



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