

NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC

Sample Neighbor Notification Letter

NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC strongly encourages that all applicants for organic certification communicate with their neighbors regarding the organic status of your farm. This can be done verbally or by letter. This is a sample letter for you to use. Feel free to modify its contents to fit your circumstances.

Date:

Dear Neighbor:

I am growing (crops, livestock, etc.) using organic methods. I need your help if I am to be successful. In order to sell my (crops, livestock, etc.) as “Certified Organic” I must follow the NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC Standards and Policy Manual, which contains the National Organic Program’s Final Rule.

I am practicing organic methods at the following locations: (insert locations, suggest roads names).

Since you are an adjoining property owner I want to inform you of my plans and ask for your help. I ask that you make a good-faith effort to minimize the movement of fertilizers and pesticides prohibited for organic production. If you plan to use synthetic fertilizers or pesticides on adjoining land, please take precautions to prevent any over spray, drift or runoff onto my property or facility. If any chemical drift is found in excess of 5% EPA tolerance on my crops as a result drift, it could cause me the loss of organic status and NOFA-NY certification. Such contamination could cause me financial hardship.

If you would like to know more about my organic certification, please call me. If I can be of any service as you plan your cropping work, I would be happy to help. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

cc: NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC

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*Sample Utility Company, State and Local Highway Departments,
and County Health Department
Notification Letter*

NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC strongly encourages that all applicants for organic certification communicate with their local utility company, State and Local Highway Departments, and County Health Department, regarding the organic status of your farm. This is a sample letter for farmers to use. Feel free to modify this to fit your circumstances.

Date:

Dear Utility Company, State and Local Highway Departments,
and County Health Department:

I am growing (crops, livestock, etc.) using organic methods and a. have applied for organic certification **or** b. am currently certified by NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC.

My farm is located at: _____.

I also farm additional fields located at _____.

I am requesting that no spraying be done adjacent to my property by your company. If any chemical drift is found in excess of 5% EPA tolerance on my crops as a result of spray drift, it could cause me the loss of organic status and NOFA-NY Certified Organic, LLC Certification. Such contamination could cause me financial hardship.

If there is something I can do to assist you in meeting my request, please let me know.

Please confirm in writing to me that you will honor this request.

If you would like to know more about my organic certification, please call me. If I can be of any service as you plan your work, I would be happy to help. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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