



Today, concerned citizens are camped out on several forested sites approved for aerial spraying with glyphosate-based herbicides, including sites near Otter Brook and Halfway Brook in Colchester County.

The Don't Spray Us campers are asking for a halt to spraying on all approved sites this year. They are calling on Nova Scotians to tell Tim Halman, the new Minister of Environment and Climate Change: End the aerial spraying of forests in Nova Scotia once and for all.

Here are a few ways get involved and support the Don't Spray Us actions:

- Visit the campsite during the day - it will be a great morale boost for the campers!
- Write to the Minister of Environment & Climate Change (Tim Halman) and ask him to end aerial spraying in Nova Scotia
- If you live in a county that has been approved for spraying contact the Mayor or Warden and let them know you support the camps and want a ban on spraying
- Start calling ARF Enterprises and Irving to ask them to stop spraying - **Please start calling this morning!!**
- Sign and share the online petition

See below for more details about how to visit the camp, contact information for the Minister and others, link to an online map to figure out how close a spray site is to you, phone numbers for both ARF Enterprise and Irving, plus the link to the online petition.

DAY TIME VISITORS - SCHEDULING & SAFETY

**Contact for Debbie
(Camp Scheduler)**

- home: 902-665-2355
- **cell:** 902-840-0481
- **email** d.giffin@bellaliant.net

Safety Protocols

Anyone going to the camp as a visitor is asked to provide their full legal name, date of birth and an emergency contact (name and phone number).

Directions

Debbie will provide you with directions to the camp sites to ensure that you have the most up-to-date information.

Camp Etiquette

- Be kind and respectful to your fellow campers/visitors.
- Campsites are "clean and sober" - no drugs or alcohol on site.
- Do **not** cut firewood or collect kindling at the campsite - the camp is on private land.
- Take out what you bring in.
- No children at the camp, dogs only by arrangement.
- Everyone has a skill to contribute to keeping the camp running - camp jobs will be decided upon by everyone.
- Practice whatever public health protocols make you feel safe and comfortable - if you want to wear a mask then wear a mask. Be respectful of each individual's preferences and be kind.

LETTER/EMAIL CAMPAIGN

Tips for sending letters:

- Create a simple “cover” email and add your letter as an attachment
- Use this [TEMPLATE](#) to get you started but please rewrite some portions in your own words - “form letters” are too easily dismissed
- Add in additional information from the [Aerial Spraying - Fact Sheet](#)

Copy the dontsprayns@gmail.com email so we can keep track of all the emails that have been sent!

**Email NS
Environment and
provincial
government**

Send an email to the Minister of Environment noting your support for the campers and concerns about spraying. Request a ban on glyphosate spraying in mainland Nova Scotia, mention that there is already a moratorium on spraying in Cape Breton and Quebec has banned it altogether.

Name & Title	Email
Tim Halman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change	minister.environment@novascotia.ca
Tim Huston, Premier	premier@novascotia.ca
Iain Rankin, Leader of the Opposition	info@iainrankin.ca
Keith Irving, Opposition Critic for Environment & Climate Change	keith@irvingmla.ca
Kim Adair-McPherson, Auditor General	Kimberly.Adair-MacPherson@novascotia.ca

Find your local MLA: <https://nslegislature.ca/members/profiles-table>

**Contact
Colchester Mayor
and Councillor**

If you live in Colchester county please reach out to the Mayor and the Councillor where we have camps. Let them know that you support the campers and ask them to create a by-law to ban use of aerial spraying in forests in their county.

Name & Title	Email
Christine Blair, Mayor	cblair@colchester.ca
Mike Cooper, Councillor	mcooper@colchester.ca

**Other Counties
being sprayed**

If there are spray sites in your county, please contact the Mayor or Warden of the county and ask them to stop the spraying. Be sure to mention you are a resident of the county. If you live near a spray site, also contact your municipal councillor.

Not sure where spraying is happening or if there is a site near you? Use this [online map](#) to find out - every dot is a spray site and when you click the dot it will provide you with a popup of more information.

PHONE CAMPAIGN - please start calling Tuesday October 14!!

**Phone ARF
Enterprises**

ARF Enterprises holds the approval to spray the lands that are being occupied - as well as other sites across Colchester, Cumberland, Halifax, Hants, and Guysborough counties. Call the company and let them know that "there are people camping on several properties that are approved for spraying". Ask ARF to stop spraying.

Phone: 902-324-0088

Phone Irving

Irving holds the approval to spray in Cumberland county. Call the company to let them know that “there are people camping on several properties that are approved for spraying”. Ask Irving to stop spraying.

Phone: 1-506-432-2908

ONLINE PETITION

Please sign and share the online petition: <https://chnng.it/6kjprSfhkc>