



BABCOCK RANCH

Development Update



GLYPHOSATE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Dear Babcock Ranch Resident,

The use of glyphosate-based herbicides to control weeds and invasive plant species has been a widely used practice over many decades across industries including agriculture, gardening, and lawn maintenance. Many scientific studies have demonstrated that the use of glyphosate is safe. Recently, however, the use of glyphosate-based herbicides (such as Roundup) has come under additional scrutiny.

In an abundance of caution, the Babcock Ranch Community Independent Special District (the "District") has decided to temporarily suspend the use of glyphosate-

based herbicides in all District owned and maintained areas within residential and commercial areas of Babcock Ranch. We are working with our landscape maintenance providers to identify effective alternatives. In the near term, you may notice more weeds in certain areas. We appreciate your patience as we consider adjustments to labor and other measures to control weeds. We will continue monitoring the science-based research outcomes and will provide updates regarding any changes in our operations or policies.

In addition to being a hometown for our residents, Babcock Ranch is also a thriving ranch and agricultural operation, and has thousands of acres of natural areas maintained as an integral part of our environmental mitigation program. Controlling invasive plant species is critical to the long-term sustainability of wetlands, uplands, waterways, and conservation areas of all types, which need to be restored and maintained in accordance with environmental permitting requirements. While the use of glyphosate-based herbicides will continue in those areas beyond the developed areas of the town of Babcock Ranch, fellow stakeholders have been engaged at local, state and federal regulatory agencies and state university research organizations to seek effective alternatives for large-scale control of weeds and eradication of invasive plant species needed to restore natural integrity to these expansive environmental areas. We note that regulatory agencies at every level agree that glyphosate-based herbicides are safe and do not harm water quality.

The District is committed to Babcock Ranch as a living laboratory for sustainability and healthy lifestyle practices. We will continue to be an innovative community and will share the results of our collaborative efforts on herbicides, environmental restoration, and other evolving issues.

If you have any questions or feedback, please feel free to contact Allen Baum, Community Manager, at abaum@ccmcnet.com.

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