



Pesticide Advisory

Licensing Requirements

Applying Pesticides for Mosquito Control



As concerns about Zika Virus and other mosquito-borne pathogens rise, there may be an increased interest from the general public in having their property treated specifically for mosquitoes. The purpose of this Advisory is to clarify mosquito control-related requirements for pesticide applicator licensing.

Pesticide Applicator Licensing Categories for Mosquito Control

1. Public Health Pest Control

Allows for the use of pesticides for the control of any pest which may be deleterious to the public health, including mosquito and other vector control. If you are specifically treating for mosquitoes, regardless of the application site, the Public Health Pest Control category is the category that you **should** have.

2. Aquatic Pest Control

Allows for the use of pesticides in treating standing or running water. This exam does not include questions related to mosquito control. Although it would not be illegal for a person with this category to apply pesticides to water for mosquito control, applicators are advised to obtain the most appropriate license category, which is Public Health Pest Control.

Be aware that Ornamental and Turf (O & T): Insecticide and Fungicide is **not** the correct licensing category to specifically treat for mosquitoes. This category allows for the use of pesticides in the establishment and maintenance of ornamental plantings and turf. This exam does not include questions related to mosquito control. To specifically treat for mosquitoes, applicators are required to obtain the Public Health Pest Control category.

Licensing Types

There are a number of types of pesticide licenses, including but not limited to: Commercial applicator, Public applicator, immediately supervised pesticide trainee, Pesticide apprentice, Commercial operator, and Aerial applicator. Descriptions of license types are located at:

<http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/programs/Pesticides/Licensing/Pages/LicenseTypes.aspx>

For additional information, contact the Pesticides Program, Oregon Department of Agriculture, at (503) 986-4635.

