**READING THE LABEL**

**Read it...**
Read the label before you purchase a pesticide product, each time you apply it, and when you store or dispose of it.

**Follow it...**
Always follow label directions exactly. Wear required personal protective equipment, apply correct rates on listed sites, and observe all restrictions and special precautions.

**AVOIDING PROBLEMS**
- Keep application equipment in good condition and calibrated correctly
- Prevent drift
- Avoid areas where runoff or drift into water is likely
- Protect local endangered species
- Be especially careful near sensitive sites, such as schools, hospitals, and bee hives
- Wear required personal protective equipment (PPE)

**PROTECTING WORKERS**
Call OR-OSHA 1-800-922-2689 for more information on...
- Worker Protection Standard (farm, forest, nursery, and greenhouse sites)
- Hazard Communication Standard

**RECERTIFICATION**
Once earned, certification is valid for up to five calendar years, ending December 31 of the final year.
Renew certification by:
- Retaking all exams at the end of the fifth certification year
- or
- Attending approved recertification courses
  - 40 total hours required
  - 15 hours maximum per year
  - A list of classes is available on the ODA Pesticides web site

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**Public Applicator**
Is a person who is an employee of the State of Oregon, a federal agency, county, city, municipality, public utility, or other governmental body.

- Applies pesticides to properties under the jurisdiction of the governmental agency, or under an order to remove noxious weeds
- Does not solicit or advertise for pesticide application business in areas outside governmental jurisdiction
- See ORS 634.116 for additional information

**Commercial Applicator**
Is a person who:

- Applies pesticides for hire to someone else's property (includes organic pesticides)*
- Solicits to make pesticide applications on a no cost or cost recovery basis*
- Applies RUPs to their employers' non-agricultural property

*Must work for an OR commercial operator

**Licensing**
Commercial and Public Pesticide applicators must take and pass the Laws & Safety exam and at least one category exam to qualify for a license. Commercial and Public Pesticide Applicators may only make pesticide applications that fall under the categories on their applicator license.

**Recordkeeping**

**Recordkeeping elements**

- Customer name, address and phone number
- Address or geographical description where application was made. Also include number of acres, ft², etc. treated
- Date (M/D/Y), beginning and ending time
- Product supplier
- EPA registration number or the FULL product trade name including formulation type and manufacturer
- Amount applied—use lbs., oz. or gal. of actual product per acre or concentration (lbs. or oz. product/gal.) and total gallons applied
- Target site or crop
- Equipment description, including FAA number if applied by air
- Full name and license numbers of all applicators, apprentices and trainees who made pesticide application (no nicknames or initials)
- Records must be maintained for three years
- Records must be legible
- Provide records to ODA, USDA, and attending licensed health care professionals when requested

**Supervising Trainees & Apprentices**

- Trainees and apprentices may only make applications consistent with the supervisor’s license categories
- Supervising applicator must be on site at all times when supervising an Immediately Supervised Pesticide Trainee
- Supervising applicator must be within contact (in person, by phone or radio) when supervising a Pesticide Apprentice
- Supervisor is responsible for all pesticide-related activities of the trainee and apprentice, including proper pesticide use, recordkeeping and reporting

**Preventing Drift**
It is your legal responsibility to keep your application on the intended target site only. In addition to following label directions, these steps can help you reduce the potential for drift.

- Use the correct nozzle, droplet size, pressure and sprayer speed
- Use the lowest pressure setting possible and spray as close to the target while maintaining adequate coverage
- Use drift reduction nozzles and adjuvants
- Do not spray during temperature inversions, or during other unfavorable weather conditions