

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. For more information on drift prevention, go to <https://oda.direct/Pesticide-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. Plan with the weather predictions in mind.
 - » Be aware of nearby sensitive sites (nursing homes, schools, sensitive crops)

Insurance

- State law requires that Commercial Pesticide Operators are insured for property damage and bodily injury, of at least \$25,000 each (ORS 634.116(6))
- If your insurance coverage changes or is renewed during the year, the Operator must submit the change to ODA. Licenses will either be suspended or rendered inactive if insurance is not renewed

Business changes

Let ODA know in writing when business information (address, phone, etc.) changes or a licensed applicator's employment is terminated

Protecting Workers

Encourage applicators, apprentices, and trainees to engage in practices that will protect their health.

- Provide personal protective equipment (PPE) for employees
- Provide decontamination, spill, and emergency cleanup supplies
- Conduct safety training
- Have Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for all products and conduct SDS training

Call OR-OSHA 800.922.2689 for more information.

Find More Information Online

Go to <https://oda.direct/aboutpesticides> for information about:

- Enforcement actions
- Laws and compliance
- Pesticide registration

Plus:

- Pesticide advisories: <https://oda.direct/PesticidesCurrentIssues>
- Licensing information: <https://oda.direct/PesticideLicensing>
- License recertification: <https://oda.direct/RenewalRecertification>
- Recordkeeping: <https://oda.direct/Recordkeeping>
- Pesticide storage and disposal: <https://oda.direct/PesticideStorageDisposal>

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Operator



Commercial Pesticide Operator Responsibilities



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Operator's License

- Allows a business to employ Commercial Pesticide Applicators and engage in the business of applying pesticides to the land or property of others.
- Operator's licenses are based on Pesticide Applicator license categories. In addition to the Pesticide Applicator, the operator license must also have the same appropriate categories.

Pesticide Licenses

Understand the responsibilities and limitations of each pesticide license type.

COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATOR

- May purchase and apply any pesticide within license categories
- Require category specific exams
- May supervise and train apprentices and trainees on pesticide use

PESTICIDE APPRENTICE

- May not purchase restricted use pesticides
- May only work within the supervisor's and operator's license categories
- Supervisor must be reasonably available at all times during the application for consultation or direction, but does not have to be on site

IMMEDIATELY SUPERVISED TRAINEE

- May not purchase restricted use pesticides
- May only work within the supervisor's license categories
- Supervisor must always be on site during the application and no more than 5 minutes away from the trainee's specific point of pesticide use

Recordkeeping

Recordkeeping elements

- Customer full name, address and phone number
- Address or geographical description where application was made. Also include the size of the treated area (acres, square feet, linear feet, etc.)
- Date (month/day/year), beginning and ending time of application(s)
- Product supplier (full name of individual or business)
- EPA registration number or the FULL product trade name, 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. Include amount and type of other material applied (e.g. adjuvant, wetting agent, etc.)
- Application site or crop
- Equipment description, including FAA number if applied by air
- Full name and license numbers of all applicators, including Pesticide Apprentices and Immediately Supervised Trainees who made pesticide application
- Record any additional element required by the product label
- Records must be maintained for three years
- Records must be legible
- Provide records to Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA), Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC), USDA, and licensed health care professionals when requested

For a full recordkeeping explanation, go to <https://oda.direct/Recordkeeping>

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.

If you have questions about the label, contact ODA's Pesticides Program.

Avoiding Problems

- Read and follow all label directions
- Keep application equipment in good condition and calibrated correctly
- Prevent drift
- Avoid areas where runoff or drift into water is likely
- Protect endangered species – if directed to do so by the label you are using, visit Bulletins Live Two! and follow all applicable directions
- Avoid applications that may harm foraging bees
- Be especially careful near sensitive crops, bee hives, and schools
- Observe buffer zones around waterways
- Wear required personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Make sure the producer knows the pre-harvest intervals (PHIs), if any
- Make sure the producer knows the restricted entry intervals (REIs), if any
- Make sure the producer knows the associated plant-back restrictions
- Make sure your license is active before making any applications (<https://oda.direct/SearchPesticideLicenses>)