

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)

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 do not understand the label instructions, talk with your supervising certified and licensed applicator.

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>)

Know Your Rights

Your employer is responsible for providing additional information and materials to help protect your health. To find out more, call OR-OSHA at 800.922.2689.

Find Out More Online

<https://oda.direct/Pesticides>

- Enforcement actions
- Laws and compliance
- Pesticide registration information

Also:

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

Don't Forget to Update Your Information With ODA

Remember to keep your address and email up to date with ODA so you do not miss out on important information.

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Trainee



Immediately Supervised Trainee Responsibilities



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Immediately Supervised Trainee

Immediately Supervised Trainees must be directly supervised by a certified and licensed Commercial, Noncommercial, or Public Pesticide Applicator.

Applying for an Immediately Supervised Trainee License:

- No examinations or educational courses are required.
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old.
- Licenses are valid from date of issue through Dec. 31 of the year issued.
- Licenses may be renewed.

After submitting a completed license application, ODA will issue and mail qualifying applicants a license. You may not make pesticide applications until ODA issues your license. You are officially licensed when your license is listed in our online database: <http://oda.direct/PestLicenseStatus>.

Conditions of Supervision

- The certified and licensed supervising applicator is responsible for the training and actions of the Immediately Supervised Trainee, and must provide application instructions to the Immediately Supervised Trainee.
- The supervising applicator must be on-site during the pesticide application and available within five minutes at the specific point of pesticide use.
- Pesticide applications must only be made under the supervisor’s license categories.
- The supervisor must be a certified and licensed Commercial, Noncommercial, or Public Pesticide Applicator.
- Pesticide Consultants and Private Applicators cannot supervise Immediately Supervised Trainees.

Limitations

Immediately Supervised Trainees:

- are not certified applicators.
- cannot make pesticide applications without proper supervision.
- cannot supervise others.
- cannot purchase, sell, supervise the use of, or distribute restricted use pesticides.
- cannot be the sole proprietor of a pesticide application business.
- cannot consult (give advice or recommendations) on restricted use pesticides.
- cannot make aerial applications.

School Campuses

- Unique requirements apply to pesticide applications made to a school campus. For more information, go to <https://oda.direct/IPMSchools>
- Each pesticide application must be authorized by the school’s Integrated Pest Management (IPM) coordinator.
- Pesticide applications must only be made by appropriately licensed individuals.



Recordkeeping Requirements

The supervising certified and licensed Applicator is responsible for recordkeeping. There should be good communication and instruction between the supervising applicator and Immediately Supervised Trainee.

Record each of the following elements:

- Customer full name or firm name, address, and phone number for which pesticide application was made
- 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).
- Pesticide 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 (aerosol can, backpack sprayer, fogger, duster, etc.)
- Full name and license number (as it appears on license) of all applicators, including Immediately Supervised Trainees who made pesticide applications (no nicknames or initials)
- Record any additional element required by the product label

Follow each of the following:

- Records must be kept for three years
- Records must be legible
- Provide record information to ODA, Pesticide Analytical and Response Center (PARC), and/ or licensed health care professionals when requested

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