

## 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.
- Wear personal protective equipment as required by the label.
- Keep application equipment in good condition and calibrated correctly.
- Do not spray in unfavorable conditions (examples include windy, no wind, frozen ground, etc.)
- Prevent particle and vapor drift.
- Avoid areas where run-off is likely.
- Avoid applications that may harm foraging bees.
- Protect endangered species.
- Be especially careful near sensitive sites, such as schools, hospitals, beehives, surface water, wells, sensitive crops, etc.

## Know your rights

Your employer may be responsible for providing additional information and materials to help protect your health. To find out more, call OR-OHSA at (800) 922-2689.

## Find out more online

<https://oda.direct/Pesticides>

- Pesticide advisories
- Enforcement actions
- Laws and compliance
- Licensing information
- Pesticide registration information
- License recertification
- Recordkeeping
- Pesticide storage and disposal

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# Apprentice



## Pesticide Apprentice Responsibilities



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## Pesticide Apprentice

Pesticide Apprentices are licensed individuals who can only be supervised by a certified and licensed Public or Commercial pesticide applicator.

- Apprentices are **not** certified applicators
- Pesticide applications CANNOT be made unless the apprentice and the supervising applicator are in contact with each other (for example, by phone or radio).
- Pesticide Apprentices cannot supervise others.
- Pesticide Apprentices cannot purchase, sell, supervise the use of, or distribute restricted-use pesticides.
- A Pesticide Apprentice cannot be the sole proprietor of a pesticide application business.
- Pesticide Apprentices cannot make applications that are not within the supervisor's license categories.
- Pesticide Apprentices cannot consult (give advice or recommendations) on restricted-use pesticides.
- Pesticide Apprentices cannot make aerial applications.
- Pesticide Consultants and Private Applicators cannot supervise apprentices.

## License Requirements

- To qualify for a Pesticide Apprentice license, you must take and pass the Laws and Safety exam.
- Pesticide applications can only be made within the same categories as those listed on the supervisor's license.
- The licensed supervising applicator is responsible for the training and actions of the Pesticide Apprentice, and must provide application instruction to the apprentice.
- Pesticide Apprentice licenses are valid for a calendar year, and expire on December 31st.
- In order to renew the license, the Apprentice must attend eight (8) hours of ODA-approved continuing education classes each year. The eight (8) hours must consist of at least four (4) hours of "Core" credits.
- If the Pesticide Apprentice does not accrue the required credit hours, they will need to retake and pass the Laws and Safety exam in order to renew the license.

## Recordkeeping Requirements

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

- Full name, address and telephone number of the firm or individual for whom the pesticide application was made.
- Address or geographical description where application was made. Also include the size of the treated area (acres, square feet, etc.).
- 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.
- Application site or crop.
- Equipment description (aerosol can, backpack sprayer, fogger, duster, etc.)
- Full name (as it appears on license) and license number of all applicators, including apprentices who made application.
- Records must be kept for three (3) years.
- Records must be legible.
- Provide records to ODA and/or licensed health care provider when requested.