

LICENSING

A Private Pesticide Applicator's license allows a person to purchase, apply, or supervise the use of restricted-use pesticides on agricultural land owned, rented or leased by the private pesticide applicator. Agricultural land includes farmland, rangeland, forests, greenhouses, nurseries, orchards, etc.

Once you take and pass the Private Applicator's exam, you become certified, and are able to apply for a Private Pesticide Applicator's license.

RECERTIFICATION

The license certification is valid for up to five consecutive calendar years, and expires December 31st of the final year.

At the end of five years, you can renew your certification by:

- ✓ Retaking and passing the Private Applicator exam at the end of the fifth certification year

or

- ✓ Attend approved recertification courses (must be completed before the end of the 5 year certification period).
 - ♦ 16 total hours required – 4 of the hours must be by "Core".
 - ♦ 8 hours maximum per year.
 - ♦ A list of classes is available on the ODA website.

SOIL FUMIGATION

The following soil fumigants are restricted-use products and contain new label requirements:

- Chloropicrin
- Dazomet
- Metam sodium
- Metam potassium
- Methyl bromide

If, as a private pesticide applicator, you will be making soil fumigant applications on property that you own, rent, or lease, you will need to complete EPA-approved Soil Fumigant Applicator Training every 36 months. The training is available online through EPA's Soil Fumigant Toolbox at:

<https://oda.fyi/EPASoilFumigantTraining>

More information can be found about soil fumigant label changes on the ODA Pesticide Program website.

WEBSITE

<https://oda.direct/AboutPesticides>

- ✓ Advisories
- ✓ Enforcement actions
- ✓ Laws & compliance
- ✓ Licensing
- ✓ Pesticide products
- ✓ Recertification
- ✓ Recordkeeping and reporting
- ✓ Storage and disposal information

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Private Pesticide Applicator Responsibilities



READING THE LABEL

It's the Law!!

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 other special precautions.

PROTECTING POLLINATORS

- ✓ Select insecticides that are lowest in toxicity to pollinators.
- ✓ Do not make pesticide applications while pollinators are foraging.
- ✓ If commercial hives are present, inform the beekeeper of when and where pesticide applications will be made and notify them if you intend to apply a pesticide.
- ✓ Observe buffer zones around beehives.

For more information on protecting pollinators see "How to Reduce Bee Poisoning from Pesticides" (PNW 591) available from Oregon State University Extension.

AVOIDING PROBLEMS

- ✓ Apply a pesticide only if the crop or site is specifically listed on the label.
- ✓ Keep application equipment in good condition and calibrated correctly.
- ✓ Prevent particle and vapor drift.
- ✓ Avoid areas where runoff is likely.
- ✓ Protect local endangered species.
- ✓ Be especially careful near sensitive sites, such as schools, hospitals and beehives.
- ✓ Observe buffer zones around certain waterways. See the ODA website for details.
- ✓ Use required personal protective equipment (PPE).
- ✓ Adequately supervise all applications made by unlicensed employees.
- ✓ Report any adverse effects to humans, animals, or the environment to the ODA Pesticides Program at 503-986-4635.

USDA RECORDKEEPING

Recordkeeping elements

- ✓ Pesticide brand or product name.
- ✓ Pesticide EPA registration number.
- ✓ Total amount applied—record lbs., oz. or gal. of actual product used.
- ✓ Size of the area treated.
- ✓ Crop, commodity, stored product or site.
- ✓ Location of application—not the address of farm. Acceptable locations include:
 - ♦ County, range, township and section;
 - ♦ Maps or written descriptions;
 - ♦ USDA identification system;
 - ♦ The legal property description.
- ✓ Date (Month/Day/Year).
- ✓ Certified applicator's full name (no nicknames or initials) and license number.
- ✓ Restricted-use pesticides must be recorded within 14 days of the application.
- ✓ Records must be maintained for 2 years.
- ✓ Provide records to ODA personnel, USDA personnel and attending licensed health care professionals when requested.

Recordkeeping is required for restricted-use pesticides

PROTECTING WORKERS

Call OR-OSHA 1-800-922-2689 for more information on...

- ✓ Worker Protection Standard (farm, forest, nursery and greenhouse sites)
 - ♦ Pesticide safety training
 - ♦ Central posting and notification
 - ♦ Decontamination supplies
 - ♦ Emergency Assistance
 - ♦ Restricted-entry intervals
 - ♦ Personal protective equipment (PPE)
- ✓ Hazard Communication Standard
 - ♦ Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) available for workers to view.
 - ♦ Train workers on how to use an MSDS.

PREVENTING DRIFT

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

- ✓ Keep application equipment maintained and accurately calibrated.
- ✓ Use the lowest pressure setting possible and spray as close to the target while maintaining adequate coverage.
- ✓ Use drift control technology such as drift retardants, etc.
- ✓ Do not spray during temperature inversions, or during other unfavorable weather.

