

## 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 (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 Dec. 31 of the final year.

Renew your certification by:

- Retaking and passing all required exams  
or
- Attending approved recertification courses
  - ♦ A total of 40 hours are required during your certification period
  - ♦ 15 hours maximum per year
  - ♦ A list of classes is available on ODA's website, <https://oda.direct/Pesticides>

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# Applicator



## Commercial and Public Pesticide Applicator Responsibilities



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## Public Applicator

**Is a person who is an employee of the State of Oregon, a federal agency, or a 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 Oregon licensed 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 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 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, 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, including FAA number if applied by air
- Full name and license numbers of all applicators, including apprentices and trainees who made pesticide application
- Records must be maintained for three years
- Records must be legible
- Provide records to ODA, and/or licensed health care professionals, when requested

## Supervising Trainees and Apprentices

- Trainees and apprentices may only make applications consistent with the supervisor's license categories
- Supervising certified and licensed applicator must be on site at all times and not more than five minutes away from the specific point of pesticide use when supervising an Immediately Supervised Pesticide Trainee
- Supervising applicator must be in contact (in person, by phone or radio) with each Pesticide Apprentice
- Supervising applicator must provide training, including application instructions, to the Pesticide Apprentice or Immediately Supervised Trainee
- Supervising applicator 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