

INSURANCE

- ✓ State law requires that Commercial Pesticide Operators are insured for property damage and bodily injury, of at least \$25,000 each.
- ✓ 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 Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for all products and conduct MSDS training

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

WEB SITE

<http://oregon.gov/ODA/PEST/>

- ✓ Pesticide advisories
- ✓ Enforcement actions
- ✓ Laws & compliance
- ✓ Licensing information
- ✓ Pesticide registration
- ✓ Recertification information
- ✓ Recordkeeping and reporting
- ✓ Pesticide storage and disposal
- ✓ And more...

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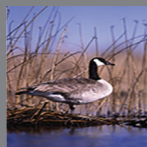


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Operator

**Commercial
Pesticide
Operator
Responsibilities**



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.

PESTICIDE LICENSES

Understand the responsibilities and limitations of each pesticide license type.

Commercial Pesticide Applicator

- ✓ May purchase and apply any pesticide within categories on their license
- ✓ Requires category specific exams
- ✓ May supervise apprentices and trainees

Pesticide Apprentice

- ✓ May not purchase restricted-use pesticides
- ✓ May only work within the supervisor's and operator's license categories
- ✓ Supervisor must be easily available during the application, but does not have to be on site

Immediately Supervised

Pesticide Trainee

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

RECORDKEEPING

Recordkeeping elements

- ✓ Customer name, address and phone number
- ✓ Address or geographical description where application was made. Also include number of acres, ft², etc. treated
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Target site or crop
- ✓ Equipment description, including FAA number if applied by air
- ✓ Full name and license numbers of all applicators, apprentices and trainees who made pesticide application (no nicknames or initials)
- ✓ Records must be maintained for three years
- ✓ Records must be legible
- ✓ Provide records to ODA, USDA, and attending licensed health care professionals when requested

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 only on listed sites, and observe all other label restrictions.
- ✓ If you have questions about the label, contact ODA's Pesticides Program.

AVOIDING PROBLEMS

- ✓ Be especially careful near sensitive sites, such as bee hives, schools, and hospitals
- ✓ Observe buffer zones around waterways. See the ODA web site for details
- ✓ Keep application equipment in good condition and calibrated correctly
- ✓ Prevent drift by the use of drift control technologies – such as drift reduction nozzles or drift retardants
- ✓ Avoid areas where runoff to water is likely
- ✓ Protect local endangered species

