

VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CONSUMER SERVICES

Office of Pesticide Services

Licensing and Certification Exemptions for Janitorial, Cleaning or Sanitizing Service Providers

The Virginia Department of Agriculture & Consumer Services does not currently require licensing as a pesticide business or certification as a pesticide applicator for the use of general use pesticides (nonrestricted use pesticides) labeled for disinfecting or sanitizing by companies or individuals offering janitorial, cleaning or sanitizing services.

Per [2VAC 5-680-20.B.4](#), businesses that provide janitorial, cleaning or sanitizing services are specifically exempted from the licensing requirements if the providers use no pesticides other than sanitizers, disinfectants and germicides so long as they are not restricted use. Similarly, as provided for in [Section 3.2-3931](#) of the Virginia Pesticide Control Act, certification is not required for the individuals providing janitorial, cleaning or sanitizing service if they only apply nonrestricted use sanitizers, disinfectants, and germicides. The exemptions are not specific to any type of microorganisms being controlled just to the types of products being used (sanitizers, disinfectants, and germicides).

Although these providers are exempted, as noted below, VDACS does regulate the manufacture, sale, distribution, and use of the products and will investigate any potential misuses of disinfectants, sanitizers and germicides. All pesticides, including sanitizers, disinfectants and germicides must be registered with VDACS when manufactured, distributed, sold, offered for sale, used or offered for use in the Commonwealth.

To determine if a pesticide product is registered in Virginia, please visit the **National Pesticide Information Retrieval System** at <http://state.ceris.purdue.edu/> and select Virginia on the map. Next, select "Search Data". From this page, you can enter the EPA Registration number from the label on the product's container and verify it is registered in Virginia. Only pesticides registered for use in Virginia can be legally applied.

Additional Resources:

On March 13, 2020 EPA announced it had expanded the COVID-19 Disinfectants List which includes disinfectant products that have qualified for use against SARS-CoV-2, the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19.*

To view the list of EPA-registered disinfectant products, visit:

www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2

To read Frequently Asked Questions about the list, visit:

www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/frequently-asked-questions-about-list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2

*As noted above, products must be registered in Virginia. Although products may be registered federally and listed by EPA, the distributor, seller and user should verify they are registered in Virginia.

For a complete copy of the Virginia Pesticide Control Act and Regulations Pursuant to the Act, visit <https://www.vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticide-virginia-pesticide-laws-and-regulations.shtml>