

Regulatory Overview



Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

Office of Pesticide Services

Discussion Points

A background illustration featuring several insects, including beetles and a fly, connected by a series of curved arrows that form a circular path around the text. The insects are rendered in a light, semi-transparent style.

- **The Office of Pesticide Services**
 - Who we are...
- **Review of the Basics**
 - Responsibilities of Applicators
 - Label Directions
 - Pesticide Business License
 - Recordkeeping
 - Certification

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- we permit the safe and effective control of pests that attack our crops, structures and health and that of our domestic animals.
- we certify applicators, register pesticide products, and issue pesticide business licenses,

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- we work with the Virginia Pesticide Control Board, Virginia Cooperative Extension, local governments, and US EPA to name a few to provide quality services to our clientele such as education and outreach, pesticide disposal, plastic pesticide container recycling programs, etc...

Responsibilities of Applicators

- Use a Registered Product!
- Label Directions
 - Sites,
 - Rates,
 - Personnel protective equipment (PPE), etc...
- Pesticide Business License
- Recordkeeping
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Label Directions



- The Virginia definition of “use” includes all of the routine activities that are apart of a normal pesticide application:
 - Application,
 - Mixing,
 - Loading,
 - Clean-up, and
 - Disposal of excess mix, product, or containers.
 - Handling, transfer, or transport after the manufacture’s original seal is broken IS considered to be a pesticide use.

Label Directions

- A 38-year-old woman found a home remedy for head lice on the Web. She then applied eight ounces of dog flea-and-tick shampoo and olive oil to her scalp, and wrapped her head in cellophane for five hours. Her scalp began to itch and burn. She felt shaky and also experienced nausea and drooling.

Label Directions

A background illustration showing a cycle of pest control. At the top, a small white capsule is shown with an arrow pointing to a brown beetle. From the beetle, an arrow points to another brown beetle. From this second beetle, an arrow points to a third brown beetle. From the third beetle, an arrow points to a fourth brown beetle. From the fourth beetle, an arrow points to a fifth brown beetle. From the fifth beetle, an arrow points to a sixth brown beetle. From the sixth beetle, an arrow points to a seventh brown beetle. From the seventh beetle, an arrow points to a small white capsule, which then points back to the first beetle, completing the cycle.

- It is not just the internet and home remedies.
- Pest control firm was using outdoor products (malathion, carbaryl, etc...) inside ~ 70 apartments and homes.
 - Now are they are required to clean all treated sites to remove residues and dispose of all contaminated mattresses and toys.
 - Fines and penalties are pending.

Pesticide Business License

- A Pesticide Business License is required for any person or business operating in Virginia, which, in exchange for compensation, sells, stores, distributes, mixes, applies, or recommends for use, pesticides.
- This license is separate from and in addition to any other commercial business license.

Pesticide Business License



- All licensed pesticide businesses in Virginia are required to:
 - Maintain for a period of two years written records of (a) any pesticide applied commercially and (b) any restricted use pesticide sold.
 - Maintain the required insurance coverage.
 - Employ a certified applicator who (a) is responsible for the safe application of the pesticide or (b) provides recommendations or the use of pesticides.

Application Records



- **Records will need to include:**
 - **Name, address, telephone number of customer.**
 - **Address of application site, if different.**
 - **Name and certification of the applicator.**
 - **Date**
 - **Site treated and pest to be controlled.**
 - **Size of the area.**
 - **Product name and EPA Reg. No.**
 - **Amount of concentrate and diluent used.**
 - **Type of equipment used.**

Certification

The background features a light-colored illustration of several insects, including a fly, a beetle, and a spider, connected by thin, curved arrows. The insects are rendered in a semi-transparent, light brown color, and the arrows are thin and light-colored, creating a subtle network across the slide.

- **Commercial Applicator**
 - A commercial applicator uses “...any pesticide for any purpose...” on the job (other than agricultural production / private property).
- **Registered Technician**
 - Can apply general-use pesticides with **NO** supervision and **RESTRICTED**-use pesticides with **DIRECT** supervision.

Certification



- **Private Property**
 - Certification is not required for **General Use Pesticides**
 - **However:**
 - Label is still the Law
 - Violations can still result in enforcement actions.
- **If you don't understand, seek assistance!**

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A background illustration featuring several insects: a large beetle on the left, a spider at the top center, another spider on the right, and two more beetles at the bottom. A small white container with a yellow substance inside is positioned at the top left. Arrows point from the container to the top-left beetle, from the top-center spider to the top-right spider, from the top-right spider to the middle-right beetle, from the middle-right beetle to the bottom-right beetle, and from the bottom-right beetle to the bottom-left beetle.

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