

Retail Vendor Requirements

Restricted and Commercial Class Pesticides

Most restricted and commercial pesticides are classified in Alberta as Schedule 1 or 2 pesticides. Schedule 4 pesticides may have a federal certification statement on the pesticide product label, which will result in the product being a Schedule 2 product, and therefore treated as such. A complete list and explanation of Schedule 1 - 4 pesticides can be found in the [Pesticide \(Ministerial\) Regulation](#).

Authorizations

Anyone who sells restricted and/or commercial class pesticides (Schedule 1 or 2) at a retail outlet, must hold a pesticide vendor registration. Vendors that hold valid Agrichemical Warehouse Standards Association (AWSA) certification are deemed registered by Alberta Environment and Parks. Vendor registration is valid for the sale of pesticides, but this registration does not provide registration to apply pesticides.

Vendor registrations are issued to a specific retail outlet location. Each retail vendor outlet must employ at least one person who holds a Commercial Pesticide Dispenser Certificate (or a Pesticide Applicator Certificate). In addition, vendors must ensure that a dispenser or dispenser assistant is working at the outlet, at all times, that the outlet is open for business.

Dispensers must train dispenser assistants on an annual basis and complete a dispenser assistant training checklist. The checklist is included in the [Environmental Code of Practice for Pesticides](#).

Vendors must keep a copy of the completed checklist, for each assistant, for five years. Copies of checklists are to be provided, upon request, to Alberta Environment and Parks.

For more information on the Commercial Dispenser Certification Program, contact Lakeland College at 1-866-853-8646.

A retail vendor registration is not transferable to a new location or to a new owner. Prior to conducting a move, a vendor must notify the department and apply for a new registration for the new location. A new owner of an outlet must also apply for a registration prior to selling pesticides.

In addition to employing a dispenser, a retail vendor registration holder must ensure they:

- sell pesticides only to authorized persons;
- keep a record of pesticide sales;
- store pesticides appropriately as per the legislation; and
- respond appropriately to pesticide emergencies.

More detail on storage and emergency response is provided in the sections below.

Purchaser Restrictions

A retail vendor may only sell restricted and commercial pesticides (Schedule 1 or 2) to:

- Pesticide service registration holders
- Certified pesticide applicators*

***Farmers who apply pesticides on their own land do not need to hold a pesticide applicator certificate unless certification is required on the label.**

Vendors must read the label and ensure they only sell pesticide to authorized users. If the following statements (or similar statement) appear on the label, then the vendor must only sell the pesticide to the person authorized to use that pesticide as per the label.

Label Instruction	Persons authorized to purchase the product
Pesticide must be applied by a certified applicator, pest control operator (or similar language)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farmers holding a Farmer Pesticide Certificate¹• Pesticide Applicator Certificate²
Pesticide must be applied by a commercial seed treater	Purchasers holding a Special: Seed Protectant Certificate ²
For use in a Commercial Seed Treatment Facility only	Purchaser holding a Pesticide Service Registration ³ (authorized for seed treatment)
Prohibition against a certain type of use (e.g. no on-farm treatment)	The person identified in the prohibition can NOT be sold this product

¹ Issued by Alberta Agriculture, Forestry and Rural Economic Development

² Issued by Lakeland College

³ On-farm use is excluded and vendors cannot sell the product to growers/farmers.

NOTE:

Rural acreage owners and hobby greenhouse operators may purchase a small number of commercial class pesticides (Schedule 2). These are identified in the [Environmental Code of Practice for Pesticides](#).

- Vendors must review all labels of products sold, to ensure no certification statements are present. Where a label has a certification statement, it is classified as a Schedule 2 pesticide and a vendor registration is required.

Record Keeping Requirements

Vendors must record each restricted and commercial class pesticide (Schedule 1 or 2) sale and retain these records for a period of five years. Each record must include the following information:

- Name and address of purchaser
- Name of the pesticide, ideally the *Pest Control Products Act* registration number
- Quantity of pesticide sold
- Date of sale
- Purchaser's credentials:
 - Service registration number and expiry date
 - AWSA certificate number and expiry date
 - Pesticide applicator certificate name, number and the expiry date
- In cases where a label requires applicators to be certified, farmers must provide their farmer pesticide certificate name, number and expiry date.

Where the purchaser is a farmer, the vendor must ensure that the purchaser is a bona fide farmer and include that information in the record. Common methods to determine farmer status include the following:

- Purchaser's legal land location (ensure the quarter section has not been subdivided to include an acreage or an acreage subdivision)
- Alberta Farm Fuel Benefit number.

Pesticide Storage Requirements

Restricted and commercial pesticides (Schedule 1 or 2) must be stored in the following ways:

- More than 30 horizontal metres from open water, unless authorized to store closer in a Special Use Approval.
- On sites where the risk of flooding is less than a 24 hour, 1 in 25 year storm.

Additional storage requirements are outlined in the [Pesticide Sales, Handling, Use and Application Regulation](#).

Emergency response requirements

Vendors must ensure:

- spill cleanup and personal protective equipment is available to manage and cleanup pesticide spills;
- staff responsible for pesticides are knowledgeable regarding pesticide spill clean-up and fire response procedures;
- floor drains in pesticide storage and display areas are protected from pesticide release;
- pesticides kept outdoors are secured and protected from weather hazards (e.g. wind and rain); and
- pesticide releases (e.g. fires, spills) beyond the storage facility are immediately reported to Alberta Environment and Parks by calling 1-800-222-6514 (toll-free, 24 hours a day).

More information on release reporting requirements are included in the [Release Reporting Guideline](#) published by Alberta Environment and Parks.

Copies of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and its regulations are available from the Queen's Printer at: <http://www.qp.alberta.ca/>.

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