

RETAIL VENDOR REQUIREMENTS

(Acreage Owners and Hobby Greenhouse Operators)

FACTS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

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Alberta's pesticide vendor regulations allow pesticide retail vendors to sell certain Commercial class pesticides (Schedule 2) to acreage owners and hobby greenhouse operators.

Ensuring that pesticides are sold only to qualified users and providing product information are important retail vendor responsibilities.

Who Qualifies?

Three groups have been identified who do not considered "commercial agriculturalist", but who qualify for "acreage owner" status and have been authorized to purchase selected Commercial class pesticides:

- **Rural Acreage Owners** - a person who may have a substantial agricultural land base, but is not involved in agricultural production. This group may require pesticide use in shelterbelts, small fruits, vegetables, rodent control in pastures used for horses or other livestock, and landscaped areas (trees, shrubs, turf, driveways, etc.);
- **Country Residential** - persons who have no agricultural use of land but have large landscaped areas to maintain; and
- **Hobby Greenhouse Operator** - a person who operates a small greenhouse (less than 100 square metres). This group may require pesticide to manage fungal diseases in greenhouses.

To verify that a purchaser is qualified, pesticide sales records must include the purchaser's ATS parcel reference (Meridian, Township, Range, Section including the municipal lot, block and plan number) to verify the purchaser's status as an acreage owner or hobby greenhouse operator.

NOTE: *Urban residents do not qualify for "acreage" exemptions because of their smaller land are. In these cases, the Domestic class products should provide sufficient quantity to address their needs.*

Available Products

Only commercial pesticides listed in the latest edition of *Environmental Code of Practice for Pesticides* published by Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development can be sold to acreage owners and hobby greenhouse operators. These products are limited to:

- acetic acid (EcoClear®) for the management of vegetation in shelterbelts and non-cropland areas such as fencerows, parking areas, sidewalks, patios, and driveways;
- glyphosate for the management of vegetation in shelterbelts and non-crop areas such as fence rows, parking areas, and driveways;
- dichlobenil (Casoron® or Stryke®) for the management of weeds in shelterbelts, woody ornamentals and small fruits;
- 2,4-D alone or in combination with either dicamba or mecoprop, or both, for the management of broadleaf weeds in turf;
- chlorophacinone for the management of ground squirrels in livestock pastures;
- oxine benzoate (NO-DAMP®) for the management of fungal diseases in greenhouses;
- products for aquatic weed and algae control in farm dugouts; and
- *Bacillus thuringiensis* var. *kurstaki* (Btk) for the management of caterpillar insect pests.
- mustard seed powder (Rocon® Concentrate Rodenticide) for the control of Richardson's ground squirrels.

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

Questions concerning pesticide regulatory requirement can be directed to the nearest Alberta Environment office:

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