

Purchasing and Using Restricted and Commercial Pesticides

FACTS AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

In Canada, any pesticide (herbicide, insecticide, fungicide, rodenticide) must be approved for use by the federal government. Pesticides are classified for use as RESTRICTED, COMMERCIAL, or DOMESTIC. To determine if a pesticide is registered for use in Canada, look for the Pest Control Products Act (PCPA) Registration Number on the label. If there is no PCPA number on the label, then the product must not be used.

PESTICIDE APPLICATOR CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENTS

In Alberta, the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* requires **any person** wanting to purchase and use federally registered RESTRICTED or COMMERCIAL class pesticides to be:

- The holder of an Alberta Pesticide Applicator Certificate; or
- An individual that is being supervised by the holder of a Pesticide Applicator Certificate; or
- A farmer, when applying the pesticide **on his own land**; or
- An acreage owner, when using a few specific commercial pesticides **on his own land**. A list of these pesticides is identified in the *Environmental Code of Practice for Pesticides*

NOTE: Some Restricted and Commercial class pesticides state on the label that users must hold a pesticide applicator certificate or be pest control operators. Where the label states this or similar wording, then **only** an Alberta Pesticide Applicator Certificate holder can purchase and use the pesticide.

In most cases, any person can purchase and use Domestic class pesticides and some commercial class insect repellents, rodent, insect and fly baits and aerosols. However, a person must be the holder of an Alberta Pesticide Applicator Certificate if they are applying *most* Domestic class pesticides:

- For hire or reward,
- In a rental dwelling (except when the tenant is doing the application), and
- In or on the grounds of a school, hospital, nursing home or daycare facility or condominium.

PESTICIDE SERVICE REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

Companies or individuals that perform pesticide applications as part of their service to clients (i.e. perform insect or rodent control in buildings or weed control outdoors around their customer's buildings, well sites or access roads) for a fee must also obtain a **Pesticide Service Registration**. Service registration holders require at least one staff member to hold a Pesticide Applicator Certificate (Structural, Industrial or Landscape Class), depending upon the type of service provided. Pesticide Service Registration Application Forms are available online at:

<http://environment.alberta/813.html>

Copies of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and its regulations and Codes are available at www.qp.gov.ab.ca.

For more information, contact:
Grande Prairie 780-538-5351
Rm 1701, Provincial Building
10320 - 99 Street T8V 6J4

Edmonton 780-427-7614
Twin Atria Building
#111 4999-98 Avenue T5K 2J6

Spruce Grove 780-960-8600
250 Diamond Avenue T7X 4C7

Red Deer 403-340-7052
3rd Floor, Provincial Building
4920 - 51 Street T4N 6K8

Calgary 403-297-7602
2nd Floor, Deerfoot Square
2938 - 11 Street NE T2E 7L7

Lethbridge 403-381-5511
2nd Floor, Provincial Building
200 - 5 Avenue South T1J 4C7

To be connected toll-free, dial 310-0000.

To obtain further information regarding obtaining a Pesticide Applicator Certificate, contact the Lakeland College at 1-866-853-8646.

For more information about who can purchase and use Restricted and Commercial pesticides, call 780-427-2700 toll free by first dialing 310-0000.