

WHOLESALE PESTICIDE VENDOR REQUIREMENTS (Restricted and commercial pesticides)

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This factsheet summarizes regulatory requirements for wholesale distribution and sale of federally-classed restricted and commercial class pesticides in Alberta.

Classes of pesticide

Most federally-classed restricted or commercial pesticides in Alberta are classified in Alberta as Schedule 1 or 2. Some commercial and restricted class pesticides such as insect repellents, insecticides for use directly on livestock and rodent bait are classified as Schedule 4 and do not require vendor registration. The types of Schedule 4 pesticides can be found in the *Pesticide (Ministerial) Regulation*.

Authorization required

Any wholesaler who distributes or sells restricted or commercial pesticides in Alberta is required to have Wholesale Pesticide Vendor Registration.

Wholesale vendor responsibilities

A registered wholesale vendor must ensure that:

- pesticides are stored and sold as required by regulation;
- pesticides are not displayed where the public has access to them;
- pesticide emergencies are responded to effectively;
- only authorized persons are allowed to buy pesticide (verifiable by pesticide sales records);
- pesticide sales records are submitted to Alberta Environment on request.

Storage requirements

To reduce the risk of environmental contamination, pesticides must only be stored:

- more than 30 horizontal metres away from an open water or well unless approved otherwise by a Special Use Approval; or
- on sites where there is a low potential for flooding (risk of flooding is less than a 24 hour, 1 in 25 year storm).

Crop Life Canada has its own industry requirements for pesticide storage. Most major suppliers and distribution centres of commercial or restricted pesticides are subject to these requirements.

Emergency response requirements

To ensure pesticide related emergencies are responded to appropriately, wholesale vendors must ensure that they:

- have staff knowledgeable in spill clean-up and fire response procedures;
- have emergency response equipment available where pesticides are sold or stored;
- have Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) for each pesticide in storage and emergency telephone numbers accessible;
- report pesticide spills that result in a release beyond the outlet (including odours) to Alberta Environment within 24 hours of the incident by calling 1-800- 222- 6514.

For more information on chemical release reporting requirements see the Release Reporting Guidelines, Alberta Environment.

Purchaser restrictions

A wholesale vendor can only sell Schedule 1 or 2 pesticides to holders of:

- Wholesale Pesticide Vendor Registration,
- Retail Pesticide Vendor Registration, or
- Agrichemical Warehouse Association (AWSA) certificate.

Both the registered vendors and the AWSA certificate holders must employ a person that holds a valid Commercial Pesticide Dispenser Certificate.

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Record keeping requirements

Wholesale vendors must record each Schedule 1 or 2 pesticide sale, hold these records for five years and submit summaries to Alberta Environment on request. Each record must include:

- name and address of purchaser
- Wholesale Pesticide Vendor Registration number of the purchaser
- Retail Pesticide Vendor Registration or AWSA certificate number of purchaser
- name and certification number of commercial dispenser at retail vendor outlet
- product name and quantity of pesticide(s) sold
- date of sale

Copies of the *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act* and its regulations are available from the Queen's Printer website at:

- www.qp.gov.ab.ca
- by calling 780-427-4952

Questions concerning pesticide sales or any other pesticide regulatory requirement can be directed to the nearest Alberta Environment office:

Grande Prairie 780-538-5351

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10320 - 99 Street
Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 6J4

Edmonton 780-427-7614

Twin Atria Building
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Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6

Spruce Grove 780- 960-8600

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Red Deer 403-340-7052

3rd Floor, Provincial Building
4920 - 51 Street
Red Deer, Alberta T4N 6K8

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Dial 310-0000 to be connected toll-free.

