

# Chapter 16. State Laws and Regulations

**Each state has pesticide laws governing pesticide use.** These laws apply to anyone who wishes to use pesticides within the state's borders. The laws are written to handle pesticide problems which are special for each state. In some states there are laws restricting the use of certain pesticides which are considered hazardous to use in that state. The state pesticide laws cannot overrule or conflict with federal laws. Both federal and state laws and regulations apply to any person using pesticides within a state.

**This chapter contains information that is very important to know as a pesticide applicator in the state of Vermont, and therefore a significant portion of the certification exam questions are on the material in this chapter.** Please note that information contained in this chapter supersedes any conflicting information contained in other chapters of this manual.

This chapter has a different format than the other chapters in this manual because it contains only the following Vermont-specific inserts, in this order:

1. *Chapter 16: State Laws and Regulations INTRO PAGE* (this document)
2. *Summary of 2023 Vermont Rule for Control of Pesticides*
3. A **full copy** of the *Vermont Rule for Control of Pesticides*
4. *Pollinators and Pesticides – Vermont CORE INSERT.pdf*

## Learning Objectives

- Understand the dealer and company licenses, different types of applicator certificates, and the permits issued by the Agency. Be able to distinguish between private, commercial, and non-commercial applicators. Understand the permits issued by the Agency and what activities they cover.
- Understand that noncertified applicators cannot use federally restricted use pesticides under direct supervision, and must be certified to use them.
- Understand how pesticides are classified in Vermont and be able to define each pesticide class. Understand the certification requirements for the use of each class of pesticide.
- Understand that there are standards of operation outlined in these regulations that apply to all pesticide applicators in Vermont. For commercial applicators, know the information that must be supplied to the customer upon completion of a pesticide application.
- Know that there are restrictions on the use of pesticides in Vermont for the protection of bees and other pollinators.
- Know the notification and posting requirements that may be required based on the site of pesticides applied.
- Know the record keeping requirements, including what information and the time these records must be kept, for your type of applicator certification. Also be aware of what needs to be reported to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture, and how often.
- For Class A pesticide dealers, know what records need to be created and maintained at the outlet, and for how long.
- Know the specific sections of these regulations that are relevant to your applicator certification type. These specifics may be addressed in the core or category exams as appropriate.
- Understand the pesticide accident reporting, transportation, storage, and disposal requirements in Vermont.

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