

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 particular 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. *A Summary of the Vermont Regulations for Control of Pesticides*
2. *A full copy of the Vermont Regulations for Control of Pesticides*
3. *Appendix A(2) "Restricted-Use" Pesticides* (with green cover page)

Learning Objectives

- Understand how pesticides are classified in Vermont and be able to define each pesticide class
- Understand the different types of applicators in Vermont, and be able to distinguish between private, commercial and non-commercial applicators
- Know the various permits that are issued by the Vermont Agency of Agriculture so you are aware of what pesticide-related activities require a permit in Vermont.
- 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 the record keeping requirements, including what information and the time period 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.
- 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, for example golf course permitting requirements for golf course superintendents, turf grass and landscape posting requirements for those doing that work, Right-of-Way permit requirements for ROW applicators, etc.
- Understand the pesticide accident reporting, transportation, storage and disposal requirements in Vermont.