

Pesticide Use on Hemp in Vermont (6 VSA Chapter 87)

Vermont regulates use of pesticides by homeowners and professionals, including sales restrictions, proper use, storage, and disposal of pesticides. Product registration, applicator certificates, dealer licenses, and permits may be required for use of certain pesticides, all of which are issued from this Division of Public Health and Agricultural Resource Management. Homeowners and professionals are responsible for following the directions on product labels and for properly disposing of all unused pesticides.

Pesticide Applicator Certification

Private Applicators - Farmers of all kinds: dairy, vegetables, berries, apples, grapes, nursery stock, Christmas trees, and more. To be certified to use Class A pesticides in Vermont, private applicators only need to take and pass the CORE exam. A private certificate is valid for 5 years and costs \$25.

Commercial Applicators - Employees of companies that perform (but not limited to) the following services: pest control, mosquito control, landscape, lawn care, tree care, agricultural custom application, forest pest control including invasive plant control, vegetation control (right-of-way), aquatic weed control, wood preservation, aerial application. To use any pesticides on the property of others you must be a commercial applicator and be affiliated with a licensed pesticide applicator company.

Worker Protection Standards

The Worker Protection Standard (WPS) is a regulation originally issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). It is primarily intended to reduce the risks of illness or injury to workers and handlers

resulting from occupational exposures to pesticides used in the production of agricultural plants on agricultural establishments, including greenhouses and indoor growing operations. Workers are generally those who perform hand-labor tasks in pesticide-treated crops, such as harvesting, thinning, and pruning. Handlers are usually those that are in direct contact with pesticides such as mixing, loading or applying pesticides.

Vermont Product Registration

The EPA continues to approve pesticides for use on hemp, <https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/pesticide-products-registered-use-hemp>. Despite being approved for use on hemp by EPA, these products are also required to be registered in Vermont and meet strict state labeling requirements prior to be offered for sale.

To determine if a product is registered for use in the state of Vermont, go to <https://usaplants.vermont.gov/USAPlants/ProductRegFSA/BrandSearch.aspx>, and click on "Product Registration" to search the database.