

# WHAT TO EXPECT DURING A ROUTINE USE AND RECORDS INSPECTION

# AUTHORITY

## RULE 8 (H) OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS RELATING TO PESTICIDES (RULES)

“Commercial Applicators shall cooperate with the Department requests to observe spraying operations, to inspect equipment, to inspect pesticide related records, to inspect business premises and to conduct pesticide related sampling.”

# SCHEULING A USE INSPECTION

- THOSE INSPECTED ARE CHOSEN AT RANDOM
- IF YOU ARE CHOSEN YOU WILL RECEIVE A LETTER
- UPON RECEIPT YOU MUST CONTACT THE PESTICIDE SECTION TO ARRANGE AN INSPECTION

# SCHEDULING A USE INSPECTION

FAILURE TO RESPOND AND SCHEDULE AN INSPECTION WILL RESULT IN YOU BEING UNABLE TO RENEW YOUR LICENSE.

# WHY A USE INSPECTION?

- ALLOWS US TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF OUR TRAINING

# DURING THE INSPECTION

## WE WILL ENSURE.....

- THE PRODUCT IS LABELLED FOR THE PEST AND LOCATION TO WHICH IT IS APPLIED
- THE APPLICATOR IS WEARING THE APPROPRIATE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) AS PER THE LABEL

# DURING THE INSPECTION

## WE WILL ENSURE.....

- THE PRODUCT IS BEING APPLIED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LABEL

# DURING THE INSPECTION

**WE WILL ENSURE THE PRODUCT IS BEING  
APPLIED....**

- AT THE PROPER RATE
- WITH THE PROPER EQUIPMENT
- IN ACCORDANCE WITH ANY RESTRICTIONS OR WARNINGS SUCH AS ENVIRONMENTAL, POLLINATORS, RUNOFF, DRIFT, ETC.



# DURING THE INSPECTION

## WE WILL....

- WATCH YOU MIX AND LOAD
  - WE MAY COLLECT A SAMPLE OF THE MIXED PRODUCT BEING APPLIED
  - THIS IS DONE TO VERIFY THE PRODUCT IS BEING APPLIED AT THE PROPER RATE.

# DURING THE INSPECTION

## WE WILL.....

- WATCH YOU MAKE THE APPLICATION
  - THIS WILL ENSURE THE PRODUCT IS BEING APPLIED IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE LABEL.

# DURING THE INSPECTION

## WE WILL....

- TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF
  - THE APPLICATOR
  - THE LABEL(LING)
  - THE EQUIPMENT BEING USED
  - THE APPLICATION SITE
  - “LEAVE BEHIND NOTICE”
  - POSTING SIGNS

# TYPES OF COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS

- THREE MAIN TYPES OF COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS
  - GENERAL PEST, BAITING, ETC.
  - LAWN CARE/TURFCARE
  - TERMITICIDE

# TYPES OF COMMERCIAL APPLICATIONS

- EACH HAS DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS
- EACH APPLICATION REQUIRES RECORD KEEPING IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 6 (B) OF THE RULES

# RECORDS

- Commercial Applicators – Every commercial applicator is required to keep, for a minimum of two years from the date of application, true and accurate records containing the following information on his or her application of general use, “restricted use”, and “state-limited use” pesticides:

**WHAT MUST BE INCLUDED IN A  
RECORD?**

# RECORDS

(1) The brand names or trade names of the pesticides;

(2) The formulation used and the quantity of that formulation used at each site or property, as well as the total amount of the dilution spray applied of each pesticide product, when listed on the pesticide label



# RECORDS

SECTION (2) ASKS FOR THREE PIECES OF INFORMATION; ALL OF WHICH MUST BE INCLUDED IN YOUR RECORDS:

1. THE FORMULATION USED
2. THE QUANTITY OF THAT FORMULATION USED AT EACH SITE OR PROPERTY
3. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF THE DILUTION SPRAY APPLIED OF EACH PESTICIDE

# RECORDS

(3) The EPA registration number for each pesticide product;

(4) The purposes for which the pesticides were applied; the target pest(s) and the exact locations where the pesticide(s) were applied on the property. For spot treatments, list site (e.g. lawn) and “spot treatment.”

# RECORDS

- (5) The month, day, and year of the application;
- (6) The consignees name and address;

# RECORDS FORM

- A PESTICIDE USE RECORDS & REPORTING FORM IS INCLUDED WITH YOUR TRAINING MATERIAL

- THIS FORM IS AVAILABLE ON THE DAG WEBSITE

<http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/agricult/pdf/commercialappuse.pdf>

# RECORDS FORM

- POOR RECORD KEEPING IS THE MOST COMMON VIOLATION ENCOUNTERED DURING INSPECTIONS



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COMPANY: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PESTICIDE PRODUCT	FORMULATION	AMOUNT OF FORMULATION USED	APPLICATION RATE e.g. 3 LBS/1000 1oz/100 GALS.	TOTAL AMOUNT OF DILUTION OR LBS. USED	EPA REG. NUMBER	TARGET PEST	DATE	CONSIGNEES NAME AND ADDRESS
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>



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Pesticide Product Name (e.g. Merit, Talstar, roundup, etc.)

# Merit®

# 75 WSP

## Insecticide

For foliar and systemic insect control in turfgrass, landscape ornamentals, fruit and nut trees, and interior plants.

### ACTIVE INGREDIENT:

Imidacloprid, 1-[(6-Chloro-3-pyridinyl)methyl]-N-nitro-2-imidazolidinimine

### OTHER INGREDIENTS

Keep water soluble packets in this container at room temperature in a cool dry place but not below freezing (32°F).

Do Not Remove Packets From Container Except For Immediate Use.

EPA Reg. No. 3125-439

Four 1.6-oz Packets Per Carton, Four Cartons Per Case  
Or Eighty-eight 1.6-oz Packets Per Mini-drum

**STOP - Read the label before use.  
Keep out of reach of children.**

## CAUTION

PRECAUCION AL USUARIO: Si usted no puede leer o entender inglés, no use este producto hasta que la etiqueta le haya sido explicada ampliamente.

(TO THE USER: If you cannot read or understand English, do not use this product until the label has been fully explained to you.)

**PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS  
HAZARDS TO HUMANS**

## ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

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NAME OF  
PESTICIDE  
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**FORMULATION  
(E.G., EC, GR, WSP,  
ETC.)**

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-N-nitro-2-imidazolidinimine .....75%

OTHER INGREDIENTS .....25%  
100%

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**(WATER SOLUBLE**  
**PACKET)**

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**Table XI. Abbreviations for common pesticide formulations.**

<b>Formulation</b>	<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Form</b>
Emulsifiable Concentrate	E, EC	liquid
Wettable Powder	W, WP	powder
Soluble Powder	S, SP	powder
Dry Flowable	DF	granule
Water Dispersible Granule	WDG	granule
Flowable Liquid Suspension	F, L	liquid
Granular	G	granule
Dust	D	dust
Ultra Low Volume Concentrate	ULV	high % liquid
Pellet	P, PS	pellet



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INDICATE  
QUANTITY OF  
PRODUCT USED



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**INDICATE THE AMOUNT OF DILUTED MATERIAL APPLIED e.g. IF ½ OF A 100 GALLON TANK IS APPLIED TO A SITE INDICATE 50 GALS.**



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INDICATE THE DATE OF THE APPLICATION



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**INDICATE THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE CUSTOMER**

**THIS MUST BE THE LOCATION OF THE APPLICATION**

# TERMITICIDE

TERMITICIDE APPLICATION RECORDS REQUIRE  
ALL OF THE INFORMATION AS PER RULE 6 (B)  
PLUS SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

# TERMITICIDE APPLICATION RECORDS SHALL ALSO INCLUDE :

A diagram of the structure depicting the lower level treated and exterior treatments;

The location of the active termite Infestation(s) or evidence of an untreated termite infestation, except when applying as a pretreatment application; and

# TERMITICIDE APPLICATION RECORDS SHALL ALSO INCLUDE:

- Location of known wells, drainage systems, and any water bodies such as streams and ponds located within 100 feet from the treated structure.

# RECORDS INSPECTION

- REMEMBER THIS IS CALLED A ROUTINE USE AND RECORDS INSPECTION.

# RECORDS INSPECTION

- NOW THAT YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND HOW TO KEEP PERFECT RECORDS AND THERE IS NO CHANCE YOU WILL MAKE A MISTAKE WE WANT TO SEE THEM
- BECAUSE WE KNOW THEY WILL BE PERFECT IN EVERY DETAIL



# WHAT YOU WILL BE ASKED FOR

- WE WILL NOT ASK TO SEE ALL OF YOUR RECORDS FOR TWO YEARS.
- WE WILL ASK FOR A SAMPLE OF RECORDS FROM EACH OF THE PREVIOUS TWO YEARS

# LEAVE BEHIND NOTICES

- A “LEAVE BEHIND NOTICE” IS REQUIRED TO BE LEFT AT THE SITE WHERE PESTICIDES HAVE BEEN APPLIED.
- IT IS LEFT WITH THE EITHER THE CUSTOMER OR INDIVIDUAL IN CHARGE OF THE APPLICATION SITE, SUCH AS A BUILDING MANAGER OF AN APARTMENT COMPLEX

# LEAVE BEHIND NOTICES

## RULE 6 (B) (7)

- The product name and EPA Registration Number of the Pesticide(s) and the amount applied;
- The name of the persons certified or licensed by the Department as well as person(s) applying the pesticide under the direct supervision of a certified or licensed commercial applicator who participated in the planning and execution of the application;

# LEAVE BEHIND NOTICES

- The applicators certification and/or license number;
- Any post-application, safety, environment or health instructions specified on the label for the end use product. **This information may also be provided to the customer prior to the application;** and

# LEAVE BEHIND NOTICES

In the case of pesticide applications made to rights-of-way owned by a Public Agency and/or Utility Companies, this notification shall be made by the applicator(s) to the Utility Company or Public Agency. When requested by adjacent or abutting property owners whose lands abuts the right-of-ways, it will be the responsibility of the Public Agency or Utility Company to provide the information stated in Section 8 (a) through (d) of Rule 6.

# LEAVE BEHIND NOTICES

RULE 23. TURF MANAGEMENT AND LAWN CARE

# LEAVE BEHIND NOTICES

- THE LEAVE BEHIND NOTICE FOR LAWN CARE APPLICATIONS DIFFERS FROM OTHER PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS.
- SIGNS ARE ALSO REQUIRED TO BE POSTED SUBSEQUENT TO THE APPLICATION

# LEAVE BEHIND NOTICES

- RULE 23 (D)
- The product name of the pesticide(s) that were applied to the property and EPA registration Number.
- A telephone number of the applicator or applicators company.



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- The telephone number of the Department of Environmental Management.
- The name of the person(s) certified or licensed by the Department as well as person(s) applying the pesticide if under the direct supervision of a certified or licensed commercial applicator who participated in the planning and execution of the application.
- The applicators certification and/or license number.

# SIGNS

- RULE 23 (E)
- At the time of each application, the applicator shall post signs, as prescribed in (F) below, in conspicuous points of access to the property and shall instruct the customer as to their appropriate removal. Conspicuous points of access shall include but not be limited to, unobstructed abutting yard, walkways, paths, etc.

# SIGNS

- RULE 23 (G)
- Signs posted by Commercial Companies shall be no less than 20 square inches (4" X 5") and shall be printed with the following information on waterproof stock in dark letters on a white field:

# WHAT MUST BE WRITTEN ON THE SIGN

- Lawn Chemicals Applied (in letters at least  $\frac{1}{2}$ " high)
- Applicator or Company Name
- Phone Number of Applicator or Company
- Date of Chemical Application
- Keep Posted for 48 Hours, or as specified by the label, if more than 48 hours
- (no smaller than  $\frac{1}{4}$ " letters)

# SIGNS

- **NO LESS THAN 20 SQUARE INCHES 4" x 5"**
  - NOT A BUSINESS CARD
- **WATERPROOF**
  - AS IN ABLE TO GET WET AND REMAIN IN TACT
  - NOT PAPER
  - NOT A NAPKIN OUT OF YOUR TRUCK
- **DARK LETTERS ON A WHITE FIELD**
  - THESE SIGNS MUST BE LEGIBLE

# STORAGE

- IMPROPER STORAGE IS ANOTHER COMMONLY ENCOUNTERED VIOLATION
- NOT ALWAYS A PART OF USE INSPECTION
- STORAGE IS REVIEWED WHEN THE USE INSPECTION OCCURS AT A FIXED FACILITY SUCH AS A GOLF COURSE, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, ETC.

# STORAGE

- RULE 24
- REVIEW THIS RULE ON YOUR OWN, AS T IS QUITE LENGTHY

# COMMON STORAGE PROBLEMS

## LACK OF PROPER SIGNAGE

- SIGN MUST BE ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE STORAGE BUILDING
- IT'S PURPOSE IS TO ALLOW FIRST RESPONDERS TO BE AWARE PESTICIDES ARE STORED WITHIN THE BUILDING



**WARNING  
PESTICIDES**



**FIRE WILL CAUSE  
TOXIC FUMES**

# COMMON STORAGE PROBLEMS

## SECONDARY CONTAINMENT

- Pesticide storage areas....shall have no bottom drains or openings, be impervious to seepage or leakage.... And be capable of containing a pesticide spill 100% of the largest liquid pesticide container volume.

# COMMON STORAGE PROBLEMS

- STORING INSECTICIDES, FUNGICIDES, HERBICIDES, ETC. TOGETHER.
- THEY MUST BE SEPERATED ACCORDING TO CHEMICAL TYPE.

# COMMON STORAGE PROBLEMS

- Pesticides when stored must be separated by type insecticide, herbicide, fungicide, etc., and in such a manner, which prevents cross contamination. It is prohibited to offer for sale or distribution pesticide packages and containers that are torn, punctured, rusted or leaking.

# COMMON STORAGE PROBLEMS

## STORING COMBUSTIBLE MATERIALS WITH PESTICIDES

- THIS INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:  
GASOLINE, KEROSENE, PETROLEUM PRODUCTS,  
SOLVENTS OR OTHER FUELS OR EQUIPMENT  
CONTAINING FUEL

# COMMON STORAGE PROBLEMS

## **STORING RUP AND GUP TOGETHER**

“Restricted Use” pesticides must be stored separately from other general use pesticides or fertilizers to prevent distribution to a non-certified applicator.”

# COMMON STORAGE PROBLEMS

## LACK OF SPILL KIT

- Spill containment and clean-up materials shall be furnished at all pesticide storage areas.

# COMMON STORAGE PROBLEMS

- THE STORAGE PROBLEMS DISCUSSED ARE ONLY SOME OF THE MORE COMMON VIOLATIONS WE ENCOUNTER; **REVIEW RULE 24 IN ITS ENTIRETY** TO FULLY UNDERSTAND YOUR OBLIGATIONS FOR THE STORAGE OF PESTICIDES.



# SUMMARY

WE WILL.....

- OBSERVE THE APPLICATION
- REVIEW RECORDS
- VERIFY THE LEAVE BEHIND NOTICE IS COMPLIANT
- VERIFY SIGNAGE IS COMPLIANT
- VERIFY STORAGE IS COMPLIANT

# SUMMARY

- IF THE INSPECTION IS FULLY COMPLIANT YOU WILL RECEIVE TWO CREDITS TOWARD NEXT RENEWAL

# SUMMARY

- IF THERE ARE MINOR PROBLEMS UNCOVERED DURING THE INSPECTION WE WILL WORK WITH YOU TO COME INTO COMPLIANCE

# SUMMARY

- IF THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT PROBLEMS UNCOVERED DURING THE INSPECTION WE WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE ISSUANCE OF AN ENFORCEMENT ACTION.