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2018 Registration Bulletin for Businesses Performing Pest Control

Happy Holidays to you and welcome to Marin County's 2018 registration season! We sincerely hope that you and your business had a safe, productive 2017 and we are looking forward to a great 2018.

If you have not already done so, please remember that the following businesses can mail in their registration and associated materials:

- Any Structural Operators (Branch I, II, III); and,
- Any out of county Ag Pest Control Operators, or Maintenance Gardener businesses.

Any Marin-based Ag Pest Control Operators and Maintenance Gardener businesses must schedule an appointment and register in person.

Registration forms and current fees can be obtained by calling our office at (415) 473-6700.

Safe Use of Rodenticides

According to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, "... the use of poison baits to control rodents has injured and killed hundreds or thousands of wild animals and pets." In Marin, we have seen an increase in confirmed poisonings of non-target wildlife and are looking very closely at this issue. *What can you do to help?*

- **Ensure your bait boxes are properly labeled and secured.** Unlabeled and hazardous bait stations will be confiscated. Fines will be levied in the amount of \$250 - \$1000 per incident.
- **Contact our office prior to using any products containing the following active ingredients:** Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone, Difenacoum, and Difethialone.
- Upon completion of a baiting operation, all bait and bait stations must be **recovered and disposed of** according to the product label.
- Should you find any **unsecured bait or unlabeled bait boxes** in the field, contact our Department immediately.

Healthy Schools Act

If you apply pesticides at a **public K-12 school** or **licensed child care center** you **MUST** comply with the **Healthy Schools Act (HSA)**. For more information regarding the HSA, visit the California Department of Pesticide Regulation's website <http://apps.cdpr.ca.gov/schoolipm/> or contact us.

If you have questions on these subjects or anything else pesticide related, please contact the Marin County Department of Agriculture at (415) 473-6700.

Notice of Applications Reminder

Your business is required to give notice of pesticide applications *prior to the pesticide application*.

Landscapers and Ag Pest Control Operators are required to give the operator of the property notice of the scheduled pesticide application (date of application, identity of pesticide, precautionary statement). Please remind the property operator that they are required to notify all persons on the site, or who may enter the treated area. (CCR 6618(b))

Structural Branch II and III Operators are required to give the owner/owner's agent **AND tenant** notice of the scheduled pesticide application (pest to be controlled, pesticide name and active ingredients of pesticide to be used, the "CAUTION—PESTICIDES ARE TOXIC CHEMICALS" disclosure, and, if part of a periodic/reoccurring pest control contract, the frequency of application). The notice to the tenant may be given as mail, electronic mail, posting in a conspicuous place on the real property, and/or personal delivery. (B&P 8538)

Structural Branch I Operators, at least 48 hours prior to injecting fumigant, are required to give the owner/owner's agent AND tenant notice of the scheduled pesticide application (pest to be controlled, pesticide name and active ingredients of pesticide to be used, the "CAUTION—PESTICIDES ARE TOXIC CHEMICALS" disclosure, and, if part of a periodic/reoccurring pest control contract, the frequency of application). The notice to the tenant may be given as mail, electronic mail, posting in a conspicuous place on the real property, and/or personal delivery. (B&P 8538)

Recurring Violations

Below are some of the most common pesticide-related violations that occurred in the past year. Please ensure your operation is in compliance in each area to avoid possible violations and/or enforcement actions (fines) for failing to comply. Also, please carefully review your pesticide labels annually -- chemical companies do revise their product labels and there may have been changes since you last reviewed them.

Summary Table: Recurring Violations of California Pesticide Laws & Regulations

Violation	Fine Range per Violation	Legal Source
Failure to:		
Wear required and appropriate PPE	\$250 to \$5,000 Class A, or Class B (depending on circumstances)	3 CCR 6738 FAC 12973
Notify the property operator and/or tenant prior to applying pesticides	\$250 to \$5,000 Class A, or Class B (depending on circumstances)	3 CCR 6618(b) B&P 8538
Label rodenticide bait boxes as required	\$250 to \$1,000 Class B	16 CCR 1983(i)
Register prior to applying pesticides	\$50 to \$400 Class C	FAC 11732
Submit pesticide use reports on time	\$50 to \$400 Class C	B&P 8505.17(c) 3 CCR 6627(a)

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