

# Kill the Bug Recycle the Jug

## 2020 Pesticide Container Recycle Days

<b>February 11th</b> Bear River Supply Tank Farm 3780 Kempton Rd. Rio Oso	<b>8 am - 12 pm</b>	<b>April 14th</b> Helena Agri-Enterprises 6788 Colusa Hwy Yuba City	<b>8 am - 12 pm</b>
<b>June 9th</b> Wilbur-Ellis 900 George Washington Blvd. Yuba City	<b>8 am - 12 pm</b>	<b>Aug 11th</b> Grow West - Yuba City 2100 Everglade Rd. and Bear River Supply Tank Farm 3780 Kempton Rd.	<b>8 am - 12 pm</b>
<b>October 13th</b> Helena Agri-Enterprises 6788 Colusa Hwy and Grow West - Yuba City 2100 Everglade Rd.	<b>8 am - 12 pm</b>	<b>December 8</b> Grow West - Yuba City 2100 Everglade Rd. Yuba City	<b>8 am - 12 pm</b>

### Additional 2019 Recycling Date

**December 10th 8 am - 12 pm**  
Grow West - Yuba City  
2100 Everglade Rd.  
Yuba City

All containers must be triple-rinsed, with the detachable lids and labels removed. 30 gallon barrels must be cut in quarters.

Restrictions apply.  
Call Sutter County Agricultural  
Commissioner's Office  
at 530-822-7503 for more information.

We have recycled 83,000 pounds of plastic so far in 2019! Quite a pile of plastic! We will be continuing our current program of multiple recycle days and strategic placement of the cotton trailer for continued ease of recycling for farmers. Thank you for your continued diligence triple rinsing the containers and removing the labels and lids prior to bringing them in for recycling.

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Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

## Need Hours?

Private Applicator  
License Recertification Requirements  
(Based upon the first letter of your last name)

A-H	I-Q	R-Z
Expire: 12/31/21	Expire: 12/31/19	Expire: 12/31/20

Laws & Regulations: 2 Hours Other: 4 Hours

PA cards are good for three years and are renewed based upon the first initial of your last name. You must have at least six hours of documented continuing education, of which 2 hours shall be in laws and regulations.

If you obtain a new PA card, or renew your old PA card in the middle of a renewal cycle, you must obtain a minimum of 2 hours of continuing education per year.



### Private Applicator Continuing Education Classes Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner's Office

- November 6, 2019 (9 am - 12 pm) 3 CE hours**  
Paraquat Update, Chlorpyrifos and Copper Exceedances, Nitrogen Management Plan, FRAQMD Update, Field Worker and Handler Training, Top 10 Violations
- November 20, 2019 (9 am - 12 pm) 3 CE hours**  
Emerging Issues in Rice Weed Control, Paraquat Update, Chlorpyrifos and Copper Exceedances, Nitrogen Management Plan, FRAQMD Update, PPE and Closed System Requirements
- December 4, 2019 (9 am - 12 pm) 3 CE hours**  
UC Spray Coverage and Drift Management, Paraquat Update, Chlorpyrifos and Copper Exceedances, Nitrogen Management Plan, FRAQMD Update, Pesticide Application Inspections, Top 10 Violations
- December 11, 2019 (9 am - 12 pm) 3 CE hours**  
UC Walnut Update, Chlorpyrifos and Copper Exceedances, Nitrogen Management Plan, Reducing off-Site Pesticide Movement, Paraquat Update, Respirator Regulations

# PESTICIDE USE ENFORCEMENT NEWSLETTER



### 2020 Employee Safety Trainings

March 3rd, 8-11 Rio Oso Comm. Hall Rio Oso, CA	March 10th, 8-11 Robbins Comm. Hall Robbins, CA	March 17th, 8-12 Sutter County Ag. Dept. Yuba City, CA
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Basic pesticide safety instructions for all handlers. Annual fit-testing will be available. Call for more information.

**Sutter County Agricultural Commissioner's Office**  
142 Garden Hwy  
Yuba City, CA 95991  
530-822-7500  
www.suttercounty.org



## Paraquat Label Changes - Certified Applicator

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has recently announced new training requirements for paraquat dichloride. Applicators, mixers, and loaders will all need to abide by these new requirements. Paraquat dichloride, commonly referred to as "Paraquat", is the active ingredient in many agricultural and non-agricultural herbicide brands such as Gramoxone, Parazone 3SL, Para-Shot 3.0, and Quick-Quat.

Due to its high toxicity and 17 reported accidental deaths since 2000, the EPA has re-evaluated the label and implemented mitigation factors for those individuals who handle this highly toxic herbicide. The measures are part of a new mitigation plan to prevent poisoning and protect workers.

Individuals who handle Paraquat will need to be certified applicators and have the EPA Paraquat training certification. No one will be allowed to handle, mix, or load Paraquat without these certifications, even if they are under the direct supervision of a certified applicator or certified commercial applicator. The EPA certification can be obtained by watching a training video on EPA's website. The video training covers the most common causes of accidental Paraquat related fatalities and how to avoid them. Other topics covered include the proper handling of the product along with the proper personal protective equipment for mixer/loaders and applicators. The training concludes with a fifteen-question test that the trainee is required to get 100% correct. Once the EPA Certification is complete and PAC (Private Applicator Card) is obtained, all requirements will have been met to legally mix, load, and apply Paraquat. The certificate is valid for a period of 3 years and should be kept with other training documents for potential auditing purposes.

## Pesticide Handler and Fieldworker Training Updates

### Changes to Fieldworker and Handler Safety Training

Fieldworker training is required annually. The employer must maintain the training record for two years and must provide the record to the fieldworker upon request. For handlers applying pesticides for the commercial or research production of an agricultural commodity and/or fieldworkers working in treated fields: The location of the training must be "reasonably free from distraction". The trainer must be present throughout the training. The safety training record must include the employee's name, the employer's name, the title(s) and source(s) of the training materials used, and the trainer's name and qualifications.

### Changes to Posting, Notification, and Hazard Communication Requirements

With some exceptions, posting of treated areas is required: For any restricted entry interval (REI) greater than 48 hours as determined by the product label; For an application to an entire enclosed space (i.e., greenhouse); or for an application to a portion of an enclosed space with an REI greater than 4 hours.

### Minimum Age Requirement

Pesticide handlers working in the commercial or research production of an agricultural commodity and early entry workers must be at least 18 years old.

### Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Decontamination Facilities

Decontamination facility requirements have been updated and can be found in 3 CCR 6734 for handlers, 3 CCR 6768 for fieldworkers, and 3 CCR 6771 for early entry employees: At the beginning of the work day, handlers and early entry employees must have at least three gallons of water per employee and fieldworkers must have at least one gallon of water per employee. Employees must now be informed of the location of the decontamination facility prior to beginning work. If protective eyewear is required by the labeling, an eyewash station must be available for handlers at the mix/load site. Hand sanitizers, gels, or moist towelettes cannot be substituted for decontamination supplies.

### Additional Changes

When emergency medical personnel treat handlers or fieldworkers, the employer must provide the medical personnel with the SDS, product name, EPA registration number, and the circumstances of the exposure. For the production of an agricultural plant commodity, the owner/operator of mix/load or application equipment must provide specific information to any company cleaning, servicing, or repairing the equipment. The information that must be provided can be found in 3 CCR6744 (b)(1).



California law requires beekeepers to register bees with their local County Agricultural Commissioners. Each beekeeper, apiary owner, apiary operator, or person in possession of any apiary, shall pay an annual registration fee of ten dollars (\$10) to the commissioner of the county where the bees reside on January 1, to cover the cost of apiary registration. No person shall maintain an apiary on premises other than that of his or her residence unless the apiary is identified as follows: by a sign that is prominently displayed on the entrance side of the apiary or stenciled on the hive, that states in dark letters not less than one inch in height on a background of contrasting color, the name of the owner or person responsible for the apiary, his or her address and telephone number, or if he or she has no telephone, a statement to that effect.

Bee Where is a collaborative initiative to bring beekeepers and pesticide applicators together to share best practices by tracking and safeguarding hive locations across the state using innovative mapping tools. Bees contribute greatly to California's agriculture and the mapping of bee hives is critical to the health of both the bee and the state's agriculture sector.

Bee Where offers a dynamic, real-time GIS mapping system where users can mark hives with a simple pin drop in the field using a mobile app. Bee Where integrates with Crop Management tools like Agrian and CDMS that are used by Pest Control Advisers (PCA) and growers and licensed applicators in the state. These Crop Management tools will interface with the Bee Where layer to access the general number of hives within a mile of the permit when a PCA is considering a pesticide for crop management and allow applicators more in-depth access to hive locations for 48-hour notification purposes.

Learn more at [BeeWhereCalifornia.com](http://BeeWhereCalifornia.com)

## Industrial Hemp

In December 2018 Industrial Hemp was removed from Schedule I of the Federal Controlled Substances Act.

Subsequent updates to the California Food and Agricultural Code have cleared the way for planting within California. Industrial Hemp may be grown in Sutter County by registering with the Agricultural Commissioner. The annual registration fee is currently \$900.00 and the registration is valid for one year from the date of issuance. Minimum planting amounts are one tenth of an acre.

Industrial hemp must be sampled and tested within 30 days of harvest and may not contain more than 0.3% total THC.

At this time the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has determined that a limited number of active ingredients may be allowable on Industrial Hemp if the label is broad enough to support this use, please check with County staff prior to any application.

If you would like more information about Industrial Hemp or how to register, please contact our Department or California's Department of Food and Agriculture website:

[www.cdffa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp](http://www.cdffa.ca.gov/plant/industrialhemp).