Kill the Bug Recycle the Jug



Another year of "Kill the Bug, Recycle the Jug" has passed and thanks to your continued support we have more than doubled our efforts to collect recyclable pesticide containers. This year we have collected close to 60,000 pounds of plastic from over 130 growers throughout Sutter, Yuba and Butte Counties.

We will start again in April 2010 and will have five locations throughout the county. We look forward to providing our growers with an alternative to disposing of their clean, triple–rinsed pesticide containers.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT!!

~ Jan Kendel



Dormant Spray Regulation Overview

As winter approaches, you may decide to use a dormant spray in your orchard this year.

Regulations regarding dormant sprays applications were adopted in 2006 and have several requirements that must be met prior to starting any application. These requirements include:

- No applications made within 48 hours of a rain event or if your field is saturated with water.
- A recommendation from your Pest Control Advisor
- Do not apply within 100 feet of a sensitive aquatic site (ditches, canals, etc.)
- Wind speed must be between 3-10 mph

For a complete list of requirements or if you have questions please contact our office or your advisor.

Protecting the Bees

As the plants start to bloom and insecticide spraying continues, please remember to notify any surrounding beekeepers of the application. Permit conditions require a 48-hour prior notification to beekeepers with bees located within one mile of the application site when applying pesticides harmful to bees, over "blooming plants", including cover crops. Please remember, dormant sprays containing both restricted and non-restricted materials injurious to bees cannot be applied after January 31st without authorization from the Agricultural Commissioner. Refer to the pesticide label, under Environmental Hazards, in order to determine if you need to notify beekeepers. If the phrase "do not apply this product or allow it to drift to blooming crops or weeds if bees are visiting the treatment area" or "This pesticide is highly toxic to bees exposed to direct treatment or to residues on blooming crops or weeds," you must contact beekeeper prior to spraying.

If you do not know the beekeeper or can not find a phone number on the hive, please contact our office with your orchard location and we will try to provide that information to you.



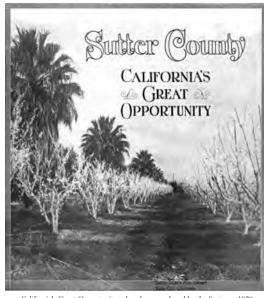
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Pesticide Use Enforcement Newsletter

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California's Great Opportunity, a brochure produced by the State, ca. 1920 courtesy the Sutter County Public Library / Shades of California

Field Worker Safety

With the amended notification regulations in effect, we thought that it would be a good time to review field worker requirements and safety issues. Field workers can be defined as any person who, for any kind of compensation, performs cultural activities in a field. This would include harvesters, thinners, irrigators and planters.

- Field workers shall be trained every five years, in a manner the employee understands and includes pesticide safety, routes of exposure and employee rights.
- Display a completed Pesticide Safety Information Series A9 at the worksite; keep Pesticide Use Reports and Material Safety Data Sheets available for the employees at your shop.
- If you receive a pesticide Notice of Application, provide this
 information to your employees or maintain a quarter mile
 distance between your employees and the application site.
- Displayed Application Specific Information either at the worksite or your shop. Keep this information displayed for the at least 30 days after an application.
- Keep a decontamination facility (soap, water and single-use towels) in treated fields when fieldworkers are present.
- No fieldwork is to be done during a pesticide application or during the Restricted Entry Interval without the required Personal Protection Equipment.
- If you hire a Labor Contractor to thin, harvest or irrigate, they must be licensed and registered with the State and County.

This is just an overview of field worker requirements. For a detailed list or if you have any questions please visit our office.





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Notification Regulations

As of September 12, 2009, employee notification requirements for pesticide applications have been updated. Listed below is brief description of the changes and updates.

- Pesticide completion notifications logs are now required.
- You are responsible to notify your employees, any contractor
 or other person who may have access to the treated field before the application has started, when it is completed and when
 it safe to enter the area.
- Notification is not required if the field is not posted as long as the label does not call for oral notification or no employees will enter or work within ½ mile of the treated area.
- Application Specific Information must be at the worksite and listed in the form a completed A9 form. Employees must have unimpeded access to the information.
- Notification and Application Specific Information must now include spray adjuvant information.

For further information regarding the amended regulations please consult your area biologist.

Private Applicator Continuing Education Classes

Sutter County Agriculture Building, Conference Room

November 12, 2009 (9 – 12) 1 hr Laws & Regs, 2 hrs Other

UC Farm Advisors: Dormant spray applications, Reducing Drift, Cost vs. Control vs. Application timing.

November 17, 2009 (9 – 12) 3 hrs Laws & Regs

2009 Violations Review, Use Reporting and NOIs, Personal Protection Equipment for 2010, Application Specific Information, Passing a field worker inspection.

December 1, 2009 (9 - 12) 3 hrs Other

UC Farm Advisors: Dormant spray applications, Reducing Drift, Cost vs. Control vs. Application timing, New walnut tree diseases, 1000 cankers disease.

December 10, 2009 (9 - 12) 21/2 hrs Laws & Regs, 1/2 hr Other

1000 cankers disease in walnuts, Use Reporting and NOIs, Personal Protection Equipment for 2010, Application Specific Information, Passing a field worker inspection, Kill the Bug update, Dormant spray updates, Field postings, New regulations in 2010.

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Hazardous Material Business Plan

Hazardous Material Business Plans are required of all businesses within Sutter County if hazardous material are stored or handled in the following quantities.

These requirements may apply to growers as well.

- 55 gallons or more of a liquid (Pesticides, oil, fertilizer, etc.)
- 500 pounds or more of a solid (Fertilizer, pesticides, etc.)
- 200 cubic feet or more of compressed gases (pesticides, propane, acetylene, etc.)

If you meet one of these definitions you must complete a:

- Business Activities and Business Identification form
- Hazardous Material-Chemical Description form
- Annotated Site Map

These forms shall be reviewed and submitted to the Sutter County Environmental Health Division on an annual basis.

Information gathered from business plans and inspections are provided to emergency services for first responders. For further information please contact the Sutter County Community Services Department, Environmental Health Division at 822-7400.

Private Applicator License Recertification Requirements

(Based upon the first letter of your last name)

A-H I-O R-Z Expire: 12/31/09 Expire: 12/31/10 Expire: 12/31/11

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 hours, 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 hours per year.