

Kill the Bug Recycle the Jug



This year marked the second annual "Kill the Bug, Recycle the Jug" program. With your help, we have brought in more than 25,000 pounds of recyclable pesticide containers. In 2008, we had eight different recycling days at various pesticide dealers throughout Sutter and Butte Counties.

2009 promises to be an even bigger year for this program. With a new regulation requiring dealers to contribute to recycling programs throughout the state, we will be offering more opportunities for you to properly dispose of your clean, triple-rinsed containers.

As the year progresses, we will distribute dates and times for future recycling sites.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUING SUPPORT!! ~ Jan Kendel



New Permit Program

Starting this year, the Sutter County Ag Department will have a new permit program. This program will allow us to create better maps, have more flexibility with crop rotations and keep track of land use more efficiently. As with any new computer program, there will be a steep learning curve. Please be patient with us as we navigate through this system. All of the data on your current permit will need to be re-entered into this new program.

If you have major changes to your permit, please let us know in advance so that we can begin the renewal process prior to your arrival. Appointments for permit renewals will begin in December.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Licensing Requirements for Maintenance Gardeners

Many of us have lawn care professionals that mow our lawns and trim our trees; but did you know that if they use Roundup or other pesticides they need to be licensed and registered with our office?

All maintenance/landscape gardeners that apply pesticides or herbicides must have a Qualified Applicators License/Certificate through DPR, have a Pest Control Business License, and be registered with the county in which they work.

Employees of these businesses are required to wear all of the proper personal protection equipment as well.

Please help your landscape gardener out. Have them come to our office where we can get them applications and show them where to find study material.



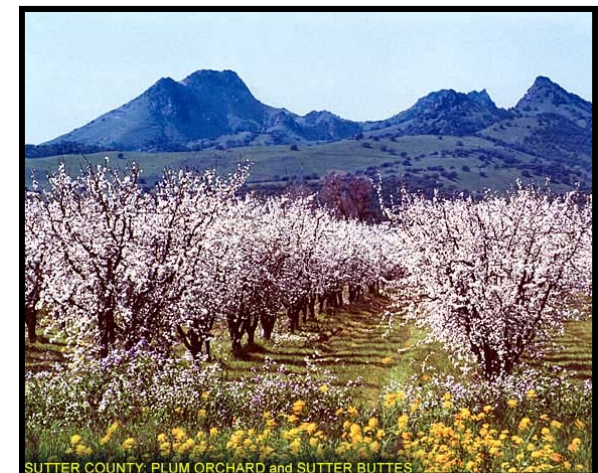
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SUTTER COUNTY: PLUM ORCHARD and SUTTER BUTTES

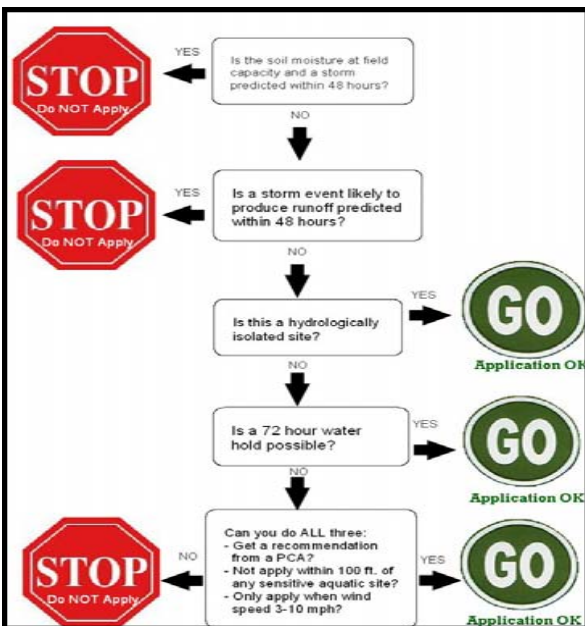
Dormant Spray Regulation Overview

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

New regulations regarding dormant sprays were released in 2006. These regulations have several requirements that must be met prior to any dormant application. These requirements include:

- no applications made within 48 hours of rain event or if your field is saturated with water.
- 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.



NEWS

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Respirator Requirements

Last year, California Code of Regulations (CCR) 6739 went into effect for all employees who are required to wear respiratory protective equipment.

CCR 6739 requires all employees to have a medical evaluation and be fit-tested prior to using any respirator, this includes dust/mist respirators. The medical evaluation needs to be evaluated by a medical professional. The questionnaire is available at our office and can also be found on our website.

If you need any assistance complying with CCR 6739, please contact our office.

Private Applicator Continuing Education Classes County of Sutter Agriculture Building Conference Room

- November 6 (8:30 am - 12:00 pm)
UC Farm Advisors: Soil diseases, nutrients.
Rodent Control. Using Agrian for use reports
- November 20 (9:00 am - 12:00 pm)
Water Quality Control Board. USDA Farm Bill.
CalOSHA fieldworker regulations. New laws and regulations review.
- December 4 (9:00 am - 12:00 pm)
UC Farm Advisors: What is IPM? Soil diseases, nutrients.
- December 11 (9:00 am - 12:00 pm)
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****Hours have been approved for QAL, QAC and PCA licenses**

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Common Problems in 2008

After reviewing our 2008 inspections, we discovered many common problems. The following is a list of these more common noncompliance items.

- Orchard posting requirements for Lorsban (48 hours), PennCap (25days) and Omite (21 days)
- Label required water holds in rice fields for Shark (30days), Cerano (14 days), and Grandstand (20 days)
- Chemical resistant apron label requirement for Stam 80EDF
- Accessibility to personal protection equipment when your employee is in an enclosed cab
- Emergency Medical Posting availability at worksite
- Timely submission of Pesticide Use Reports
- Submission of Use Reports for herbicide strip spray

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: 12/31/08

 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 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.