

## Kill the Bug Recycle the Jug



We recycled 83,000 pounds in 2012! Way to go Sutter County! Our recycling program is changing; we will be offering less recycle day events and placing the cotton trailers in short term, conveniently located areas. So far, this has proven a hit, as growers can take their containers over on their time schedule. To that end, we will only have 4 recycle days in 2013, two in 2014 and one in 2015.

Pick up a flyer so you can have a schedule of events or short-term locations and recycle when you can!

Many thanks to all the growers who participate in this important program. Spread the word, recycling is easy!

~Jan Kendel



## Need Hours?

### Private Applicator

#### License Recertification Requirements

(Based upon the first letter of your last name)

<b>A-H</b>	<b>I-O</b>	<b>R-Z</b>
Expire: 12/31/12	Expire: 12/31/13	Expire: 12/31/14

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 Agriculture Building, Conference Room

#### November 15, 2012 (9 am – 12 pm)

UC walnut issues update; Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program; Prune and Almond Update; Dormant Spray Regulations; Bee Regulations

#### November 28, 2012 (9 am – 12 pm)

Pesticide plastics recycling program; Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program; Feather River Air Quality Management; CalAgPermits Use Reporting

#### December 3, 2012 (9 am – 12 pm)

Prune and Almond Update; Irrigated Lands Regulatory Program; Feather River Air Quality Management; CalAgPermits Use Reporting

#### December 12, 2012 (9 am – 12 pm)

UC walnut issues update; Dormant Spray Regulations; Pesticide plastics recycling program; UC Rodent Control

**\*\*Hours have been approved for QAL, QAC and PCA licenses**

### UC Cooperative Extension Meetings

[www.ce.sutter.ucdavis.edu](http://www.ce.sutter.ucdavis.edu)

#### January 29, 2013 (all day event)

Spray Safe meeting, Yuba/Sutter Fairgrounds

#### January 30, 2013 (8 am - 12 pm)

Annual Peach Meeting, Janine Hasey

#### February 21, 2013 (1 pm - 4:30 pm)

Annual Walnut Meeting, Janine Hasey

### Employee Safety Meetings

#### March 2013 (8 am - 12 pm)

First three weeks of March in Yuba City, Robbins and Rio Oso. Basic pesticide safety instructions for all handlers. Annual fit-testing will be available.



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# Newsletter and Updates for 2012/13



## 2012 Problems

In 2012, Pesticide Use Enforcement staff conducted approximately 330 pesticide use inspections, field worker inspections and record audits. During these inspections, we observed several reoccurring non-compliances involving worker safety issues and paperwork/documentation violations. While these problems are not new, they do represent an overall picture of inadequate employee training. Examples of the violations documented in 2012 include:

- Lack of personal protection equipment (safety glasses, coveralls, chemical resistant gloves, rubber boots)
- Access to decontamination facility (soap, water and towels) at the mix/load site
- Emergency Medical Posting (name, address and phone number of emergency facility) at the worksite
- Availability of pesticide label at worksite
- Documentation of annual employee safety training
- Monthly submission of Pesticide Use Reports

As in past years, we will be offering a variety of training classes for both you and your employees to attend in order to be safer and more efficient in pesticide related activities.



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### SUTTER COUNTY AG DEPARTMENTS

#### 2013 Pesticide Container Recycle Days Hours of operation are 8 am to 2 pm.

March 27	Grower's Ag (Yuba City) 2100 Everglade	671-3571
May 7	Live Oak Cemetery (Live Oak) 3545 Pennington Road	695-3343
June 6	Wilbur-Ellis (Yuba City) 900 George Washington	673-0921
August 6	Bear River Supply (Rio Oso) 218 Pleasant Grove	633-2594

All containers must be triple-rinsed, with the easy-to-remove-label and lids removed. 30 gallon barrels must be cut in half, length-wise.

In addition, for grower's convenience, these locations are available for container drop-off:

Grower's Ag Service permanent recycling location

Sutter Mutual Water Teesdale Yard permanent recycling location

Bear River Supply's Tank Farm available June 10-August 7 2012

Davis Machine Shop available August 12-October 15 2012

Restrictions apply

Call Sutter County Ag at 822-7503 for more information



## NEWS

### UPDATED

#### Electronic Pesticide Use Reporting

CalAgPermits is the new web-based permitting system used throughout the State to ensure consistent and accurate issuance and submissions of restricted materials permits and pesticide use reports. Late use reports are a problem for both growers and the County, late reports can generate notices of violation and possible fine actions for growers who routinely turn in late use reports. CalAgPermits gives growers the ability to access their permits and submit use reports from home. The online versions of these reports look identical to the old paper versions, and can be printed when needed. This service is free of charge and easy to use. By creating a webuser account with the County, you will have access to a pesticide use report submission page, a notice of intent submission page, a complete history of all reported pesticide usage for each site and printable maps of your sites. This free service is also available for pest control businesses.

As a reminder, pesticide use reports for growers are due by the tenth of the month following the date of application. If you strip spray Roundup on January 4<sup>th</sup>; your report will be due on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Pest control businesses need to have their reports submitted to the County within seven days of the application and submit a copy to the grower within 30 days. There are four different ways to submit your use reports to Sutter County:

- CalAgPermits allows users to create a unique online web account in order to submit use reports and notices of intent as well as review previously submitted reports.
- Software vendors such as AGRIAN or CDMS can be used to submit use reports. These programs download your permit and allow online submissions.
- Chemical dealers may submit use reports to the county on your behalf. However, the applicator is ultimately responsible for the timely submission of these reports.
- Hand written use reports can still be submitted using the approved state forms. We accept reports either by mail, in person or at the PUE drop box. We do not accept faxed copies.

We encourage everyone to create a webuser account with CalAgPermits and try this new system. Please contact Pesticide Use Enforcement staff for help and additional information, or visit [www.calagpermits.org](http://www.calagpermits.org).

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## Employee Training

Annual safety training for employees that handle pesticides is required by law. Training topics include: pesticide labels, hazards, routes of exposure, symptoms of overexposure, emergency medical care, decontamination procedures, personal protection equipment, safety requirements, environmental concerns, medical supervision, PSIS "A8" and MSDS locations, and employee rights.

Prior to employees handling pesticides, a hazard communication program and advanced emergency medical care must be in place. A hazard communication program includes the Pesticide Safety Information Series, pesticide use records and MSDS. Advanced emergency medical care planning information shall be posted at the worksite.

Proper documentation is essential for an effective training and hazard communication program. Always have your employee sign and acknowledge the training and keep this paperwork for at least two years. Update and compile your MSDS on an annual basis. Pesticide use records should be current and available for review.

Our website has forms available for your training needs.

## Willow Primrose (*Ludigia decurrens*)

*Ludigia decurrens*, otherwise known as Willow Primrose, is an invasive rice weed previously only found in Texas and the Midwest. For the past two years it has been found in the Richvale area of Butte County. *Ludigia* can grow up to six feet tall and has small yellow flowers with four petals. The most prominent feature of *Ludigia* is the seed box located below the flower. This seed box contains a large amount of seeds. The distinctive stem of *Ludigia* has four

wings which run the length of the plant. *Ludigia* can propagate by seed and by plant fragments. It is recommended that plants be controlled through herbicides or by roguing. If you see *Ludigia*, please contact the Ag Depart-

