

County of El Dorado



Agriculture, Weights & Measures

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To: All Pesticide Permit Holders: Restricted Material & Operator Identification Numbers
Permit Renewal 2024 is almost here!

We will no longer be using the online scheduler to book appointments. To renew your permit or schedule a PAC exam you will need to call the office at 530-621-5520. Appointments will be scheduled between December 1st and March 31st. We do not accept walk-in renewals.

Notice: All of your 2023 Pesticide Use Reports **must** be submitted to our department before your appointment. You will not receive a 2024 Permit if our office has not received your use reports. Pesticide Use Reports that are continually late may be subject to a fine. Additionally, please be sure to mention any changes (contact information, license holders, pesticides used, or crop type/size) when speaking to a Biologist so we may update your permit and reduce your wait time when you come in for your appointment.

Additional Requirements for Restricted Material Permit Holders: Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 6426 requires a permit applicant (grower) and their pest control adviser to consider feasible alternatives to the use of restricted materials before applying for a restricted material permit with the county agricultural commissioner (CAC). Every year you are now required to provide your CAC with **written documentation** that you have considered non-restricted alternatives to each restricted material that you place on your permit. The California Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has created a sample alternatives worksheet to demonstrate this requirement, as well as an informational handout for the applicants. Click on this link for detailed instructions. https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/enforce/compend/vol_3/append_b.pdf

Private Applicator Certificate: If you are producing an agricultural commodity and wish to train employees, use California Restricted Materials, or use **fumigants** for the control of ground burrowing rodents or other pests, we have a process to get you certified. To become a private applicator, you must demonstrate competency by passing the written examination with a minimum score of 70%. Private applicators that pass the examination receive a DPR PAC card issued by CAC staff and valid for up to 3 years. In order to help you prepare for the exam, "Pesticide Safety – A Reference Manual for Private Applicators," can be purchased from the UCCE office and costs \$29.00 plus tax. An electronic copy is now available through Google Play for \$10.00 (Google Play account required). Click on this link for more information regarding the PAC exam. https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/enforce/compend/vol_3/chap4.pdf

If you currently hold a valid PAC card you should have received a separate letter from us detailing changes for maintaining this certificate. Please contact us for clarification on changes to this process.

Hazardous Materials Inventory Reporting: If you store or handle 55 gallons or more of gas, diesel or oil, 200 cubic feet or more of compressed gas, 500 pounds or more of hazardous solids, generate 27 gallons or more of used oil per month, or store large quantities of pesticides over 14 days, you are required to file a Hazardous Materials Business Plan. The annual filing fee is currently \$94.00 plus our \$75.00 inspection fee and will be billed out at the beginning of 2024. If these conditions apply to your property, you **must** complete an online hazardous materials inventory and business plan at <http://cers.calepa.ca.gov/>