



RETAIL VENDOR REQUIREMENTS: Acreage Owners and Hobby Greenhouse Operators

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Alberta's pesticide vendor regulations allow pesticide retail vendors to sell certain Commercial class pesticides (Schedule 2) to acreage owners and hobby greenhouse operators.

Who Qualifies?

Three groups have been identified who do not meet our current definition of "commercial agriculturalist", but who may have a legitimate case for purchasing selected Commercial class pesticides:

- C *Rural Acreage Owners* - a person who may have a substantial agricultural land base, but is not involved in agricultural production. This group may require pesticide use in shelterbelts, small fruits, vegetables, rodent control in pastures used for horses or other livestock, and landscaped areas (trees, shrubs, turf, driveways, etc.);
- C *Country Residential* - persons who have no agricultural use of land but have large landscaped areas to maintain; and
- C *Hobby Greenhouse Operator* - a person who operates a small greenhouse (less than 100 square metres). This group may require pesticide to manage fungal diseases in greenhouses.

To verify that a purchaser is qualified, pesticide sales records must include the purchaser's ATS parcel reference (Meridian, Township, Range, Section) to verify the purchaser's status as an acreage owner or hobby greenhouse operator.

If the purchaser cannot provide an ATS parcel reference, the vendor can determine whether the purchaser is a "Rural Acreage Owner", "Country

Residential" or "Hobby Greenhouse Operator" as defined above. The record should indicate "acreage" or "hobby greenhouse" in lieu of an ATS parcel reference.

Urban residents do not qualify for "acreage" exemptions because of their smaller land area and the possibility that larger, commercial quantities may be divided-up among neighbours.

Available Products

Only commercial pesticides listed in the latest edition of **Environmental Code of Practice for Pesticides** published by Alberta Environmental Protection can be sold to acreage owners and hobby greenhouse operators. These products are limited to:

- 1) glyphosate for the management of vegetation in shelterbelts and non-crop areas such as fence rows, parking areas, and driveways;
- 2) casoron (granular formulations only) for the management of weeds in shelterbelts, woody ornamentals and small fruits;
- 3) 2,4-D alone or in combination with either dicamba or mecoprop, or both, for the management of broadleaf weeds in turf;
- 4) chlorophacinone liquid concentrate or baits for the management of ground squirrels in livestock pastures;
- 5) oxine benzoate (NO-DAMP) for the management of fungal diseases in greenhouses;
- 6) products for aquatic weed and algae control in farm dugouts; and
- 7) *Bacillus thuringiensis* for the management of

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mosquitoes and caterpillar insect pests.

Where chlorophacinone liquid or baits are being sold, the retail vendor is required to provide the purchaser with a copy of the publication "Vertebrate Toxicants For Richardson Ground Squirrel Control" (available from Alberta Environmental Protection, Pesticide Management Branch).

Requests For Additional Products

Please bring any products requested by acreage owners (other than those currently listed) to the attention of the Pesticide Management Branch. The list of products available to acreage owners will be updated on an annual basis according to the following criteria:

- C pesticide requested by the holders of a Retail Vendor Registration
- C pesticide use pattern is appropriate for acreage use
- C pesticide is not available at a comparable cost, package size or formulation in a Domestic product
- C product registrant is not opposed

Ensuring that pesticide is sold only to qualified users and providing product information are important retail vendor responsibilities.

Questions concerning the sale of pesticides, pesticide Vendor Registration or certified Pesticide Dispensers, or any other pesticide regulatory requirement can be directed to the nearest Pesticide Management Branch office:

Grande Prairie (780) 538-5460 Fax: (780) 538-5336
Room 1701, Provincial Building
10320 - 99 Street, Grande Prairie, Alberta T8V 6J4

Edmonton (780) 427-7617 Fax: (780) 422-4192
5th Floor, Oxbridge Place
9820 - 106 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6

Red Deer (403) 340-5310 Fax: (403) 340-5022
3rd Floor, Provincial Building
4920 - 51 Street, Red Deer, Alberta T4N 6K8

Calgary (403) 297-7602 Fax: (403) 297-8232
2nd Floor, Deerfoot Square
2938 - 11 Street NE, Calgary, Alberta T2E 7L7

Lethbridge (403) 381-5511 Fax: (403) 382-4428
2nd Floor, Provincial Building
200-5th Avenue South, Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 4C7

The above offices can also be reached by phoning 310-0000 from anywhere in Alberta.

Copies of the Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act and its regulations are available from Queen's Printer Bookstore (Calgary (403) 297-6251, Edmonton (780) 427-4952).