

WHOLESALE VENDOR REQUIREMENTS

(Schedules 1 and 2)

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Alberta's pesticide vendor regulations have been amended to reduce administration and to accommodate regulatory reform (including opportunities to harmonize with industry regulatory initiatives). The information presented in this factsheet summarizes regulatory requirements for the wholesale sale of Restricted and Commercial (all classes except Domestic) Class pesticides.

What authorizations are required to sell pesticides in Alberta?

- Anyone who sells a "Restricted" or "Commercial" class pesticide or a "Domestic" class pesticide intended for lawn and garden use **at wholesale** in Alberta is required to hold a pesticide **Wholesale Vendor Registration**. Restricted and Commercial pesticides are classified in Alberta as Schedule 1 or 2 pesticides.

What are the Wholesale Vendor responsibilities?

The holder of a pesticide Wholesale Vendor Registration is responsible for ensuring that:

- pesticides are stored, sold and displayed in an appropriate manner;
- pesticide emergencies are responded to effectively;
- only authorized persons purchase pesticide (verified by records of pesticide sales).

Pesticide storage requirements

To reduce the risk of pesticides contaminating the environment, pesticide must be stored:

- more than 30 horizontal metres away from open water, unless authorized to store closer in a Special Use Approval; and
- on sites where the risk of flooding is less than a 24 hour, 1 in 25 year storm.

Crop Life Canada has implemented its own industry requirements for pesticide storage. Virtually all major suppliers and distribution centres of commercial herbicides, insecticides and fungicides will be subject to these requirements.

Emergency response requirements

The holder of a pesticide Wholesale Vendor Registration must ensure pesticide related emergencies are responded to in an appropriate manner by ensuring that:

- persons responsible for the storage or display are knowledgeable in spill clean-up and fire response procedures;
- emergency response equipment is available where pesticides are sold, stored or displayed;
- material safety data sheets for each pesticide in storage and emergency telephone numbers are accessible; and
- pesticide spills that result in a release beyond the outlet (including odours) are reported to Alberta Environment within 24 hours (1-800-222-6514).

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For more information on chemical release reporting requirements see **Release Reporting Guideline** published by Alberta Environment.

Purchaser restrictions

Ensuring that pesticide is sold only to qualified purchasers is an important wholesale vendor responsibility.

A wholesale vendor may sell Schedule 1 or 2 pesticides to the holder of:

- a Wholesale Vendor Registration; or
- the holder of a Retail Vendor Registration or the holder of an Agrichemical Warehouse Association (AWSA) Certificate, both of whom must employ a certified Commercial Pesticide Dispenser.

Record keeping requirements

Wholesale vendors must record each Schedule 1 or 2 pesticide sale and retain these records for a period of five years. Each record must include the following information:

- name and address of purchaser
- purchaser's Wholesale Registration number
- Retail Vendor Registration or AWSA number
- name and certification number of commercial dispenser at retail vendor outlet
- product name and quantity of the pesticide(s) sold
- date of sale.

Questions concerning pesticide Vendor Registrations or certified Pesticide Dispensers, or any other pesticide regulatory requirement can be directed to the nearest regional office of Alberta Environment:

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

Edmonton (780) 422-2079 Fax: (780) 422-5120
5th Floor, Oxbridge Place
9820 - 106 Street, Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2J6

Red Deer (403) 340-7052 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 toll free 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).