

FACTSHEET

Pesticides



PESTICIDE SERVICE REGISTRATIONS

All Pesticide Services operating within Alberta must be registered in accordance with the Alberta *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*.

What is a Pesticide Service?

A Pesticide Service is a business, government agency or an organization that:

- provides, or offers to provide, a pesticide application service for hire or reward
- is applying pesticides on a right-of-way
- is applying pesticides on park, boulevard, campground or picnic area located on public land (meaning federal, provincial or municipal governments and irrigation districts)
- is applying pesticides for forest management.

Why do Pesticide Services Need to be Registered?

A Pesticide Service Registration is intended to:

- ensure that Pesticide Services can receive important information when necessary
- ensure that Pesticide Services are inspected on a regular basis and are in compliance with provincial pesticide regulations
- facilitate rapid complaint response
- facilitate enforcement action where necessary.

Requirements for Pesticide Services

- A pesticide service must employ at least one certified pesticide applicator (who does not have a certificate with a restriction from operating a service). The types of services provided will be limited to those for which the applicator(s) is/are certified.
- Non-certified employees must be adequately supervised when handling or applying pesticides.
- Pesticide application equipment must be in good working order.
- Records must be kept of each pesticide application.
- Pesticides must be stored in accordance with provincial regulations.
- Mixing and loading sites must be managed to prevent environmental contamination.
- Insurance coverage must be maintained.

How Does a Pesticide Service Become Registered?

Application forms can be obtained from any of the six Alberta Environment Corporate Regional offices or downloaded from the Department's Internet homepage at:

<http://www.gov.ab.ca/env/protenf/pesticide/>

When all Pesticide Service requirements have been verified, the Pesticide Service will be registered. There is no fee charged or associated with Pesticide Service Registration. A business **must** be registered as a Service before commencing to provide a pesticide application service, applying on rights-of-ways, public lands or forest management applications.

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