

Pesticide laws may overlap with other agencies responsibilities, such as environmental health, air quality, and food safety, and we sometimes work in conjunction with other local, State and Federal agencies.

Some of our duties include:

- Permit evaluation and issuance
- Investigation of pesticide related episodes, illnesses, and injuries
- Unannounced inspection of pesticide applications to assess whether worker protection safety regulations, licensing, and label requirements are met
- Periodic training sessions for pesticide users
- Compliance and enforcement actions
- Pesticide Dealer and Business Employer records inspections
- Presentations to community and business groups
- Private Applicator licensing
- Registration of businesses who perform pest control in Shasta County
- Beekeeper Notification of proposed pesticide use
- Pesticide pre-application inspections to assure permit compliance is met
- Certification of Private Applicators for use of Restricted Materials
- Issuing Restricted Materials Permits and Operator ID numbers
- Monitoring and inspection of pesticide applications, record keeping, storage and container disposal
- Ensure compliance with Worker Safety regulations
- Regulating activities of Licensed Pesticide Dealers, Applicators and Advisors
- Investigation of pesticide related complaints and illnesses
- Provide industry and public education programs
- Monitor compliance with Endangered Species Act, Ground Water Protection, and Air Toxics
- Registration of Farm Labor Contractors
- Support sustainable agriculture and Integrated Pest Management
- Promote uniform enforcement programs and develop appropriate county permit conditions
- Collect pesticide use data for DPR/Cal EPA

How you can help:

- Read and follow all pesticide label directions for home use.
- Make sure maintenance gardeners you hire are licensed if you wish them to apply pesticides.
- Store all pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, etc) in a safe place.