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FROM: Sunny Jones, Pesticide Use Reporting System Specialist
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RE: Oregon Pesticide Use Reporting System

Do your members conduct activities to control bugs, rodents, or weeds at their place of business? If so, they are likely using a pesticide!

Often misunderstood to refer only to insecticides, the term pesticide also applies to herbicides, fungicides, rodenticides and various other substances used to control pests. Due to legislation passed by the 1999 Oregon Legislature (Chapter 1059, Oregon Laws 1999), **any use of pest control products (pesticides) in the course of business, or for a government agency, or in a public place, must be reported online** to the Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA). These reports are compiled in the Oregon Pesticide Use Reporting System (PURS).

ODA developed a Web site for users to submit their pesticide use information. In order to fulfill confidentiality requirements, ODA created two separate databases. One database retains reporter's demographic information while the other database contains pesticide use reports. The PURS databases have been available since January 2007 to receive reports of pesticide use in 2007. Any pesticide use prior to 2007 does not need to be reported to PURS.

Worksheets on the PURS Web site clearly identify required information. In order to better serve users, PURS Help Classes have also been scheduled in various locations around the state. ODA staff will be on-hand to provide one-on-one assistance to users in registering and filing one or two reports online. Users will need to bring their application records with them to take advantage of these classes.

In an attempt to provide information on requirements to all persons or groups affected by PURS, we are writing to your organization. It is likely that PURS may have an impact on members of your organization. Since you know how to best serve your members, we would like to work with you to provide them with the information they will need in order to comply with PURS requirements. Ways ODA may be able to interact with your organization to provide information on PURS are:

- providing a speaker to talk about PURS at organization meetings,
- authoring informational articles on PURS for inclusion in organization newsletters,
- having a booth or other display at organization events, or
- meeting with organization officials to develop a plan to communicate with members about PURS.

I look forward to working with your organization regarding PURS. Please contact me at your earliest convenience to further discuss PURS: 503.986.6466 or sjones@oda.state.or.us.

http://www.oregon.gov/ODA/PEST/purs_index.shtml

Oregon Department of Agriculture – Pesticides Division
Pesticide Use Reporting System (PURS)
“Help Class” Schedule

- April 3rd, **Bend**, 7:15-9:00 pm, Central Oregon C.C. Ponderosa Bldg Rm 103, 541.383.7273
- April 4th, **Ontario**, 6:00-9:00 pm, Treasure Valley C.C., Vo-Tech Bldg Rm 23, 541.881.8822 ext. 303, 407 or 281
- April 5th, **Gresham**, 6:00-9:00 pm, Mt. Hood C.C. Small Biz Center, waiting on room assignment, Please pre-register by calling 503.491.7658 for this session/location only
- April 9th, **Oregon City**, 6:00-9:00 pm, Clackamas C. C., Clairmont Bldg Rm 134, 503.657.6958 ext. 2785
- April 11th, **Roseburg**, 6:00-9:00 pm, Umpqua C.C. Small Biz Center, Rm 13, 541.440.4669
- April 12th, **Harbor**, 1:00-4:00 pm, South Coast Business Employment Center, 541.469.5306
- April 17th, **Grants Pass**, 8:00 am -12:00 pm, Rogue C.C. Small Biz Center, SBCD Computer Lab, 541.956.7494
- April 17th, **White City**, 6:00-9:00 pm, Rogue C.C. Table Rock Campus, Library Lab TRC 1271, 541.772.3478
- April 18th, **Klamath Falls**, 6:00-9:00 pm, OIT Learning Resource Center (Library) Rm 113, 541.885.1760
- April 20th, **John Day**, 1:00-4:00 pm, Grant-Union High School, Library, 541-575-1911
- April 23rd, **Seaside**, 6:00-9:00 pm, Clatsop C.C. Small Biz Center, computer lab, 503.738.3346
- April 25th, **Salem**, 6:00-9:00 pm, Chemeketa C.C. Small Biz Center (TED Center), main classroom, 503.399.5088
- May 2nd, **Moro**, 1:00-4:00 pm, Sherman High School Ag. classroom, 541.565.3230
- May 2nd, **The Dalles**, 6:00-9:00 pm, Columbia Gorge C.C. Small Biz Center, Building 1 Rm 334, 541.506.6121

- May 7th, **Lincoln City**, 6:00-9:00 pm, Oregon Coast C.C. Small Biz Center, Rm 101, 541.994.4166
- May 9th, **Eugene**, 6:00-9:00 pm, Lane C.C. Small Biz Center, Wildish Bldg Rm 106, 541.463.5255
- May 10th, **Coos Bay/North Bend**, 5:00-8:00 pm, Southwestern Oregon C.C. Small Biz Center, 541.756.6866
- May 14th, **Hermiston**, 6:00-9:00 pm, Blue Mountain C.C. Hermiston campus, computer lab
- May 15th, **Pendleton**, 1:00-4:00 pm, Umatilla County Extension office on Blue Mountain C.C. campus, 541.278.5403
- May 16th, **Boardman**, 2:00-5:00 pm, Blue Mountain C.C. Morrow County Center, 541.481.2099

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WHAT IS PURS?

The 1999 Oregon Legislature passed a bill creating the Pesticide Use Reporting System. This law requires Web-based reporting of all pesticide applications in the state of Oregon conducted:

- in the course of business; or
- for a government entity; or
- in a location intended for public use or access.

WHY PURS?

The Oregon Pesticide Use Reporting System will obtain actual pesticide use information according to water basin or ZIP code, depending on site. The goal of the program is to collect information that will help to ensure public health and safety and protect Oregon's water and environment.

WHEN TO FILE

- Once per year, at minimum
- All 2007 pesticide use must be reported by January 31, 2008.

VISIT THE PURS WEB SITE FOR MORE INFORMATION

oregon.gov/ODA/PEST/purs_index.shtml

- Water basin maps
- Worksheets
- Registration system
- Reporting system

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WHO MUST REPORT?

- Agriculture industry
- Forest industry
- Government agencies
- Utility companies
- Pest control companies
- Landlords and managers of rental property, motels, hotels, restaurants, stores, etc.

WHAT MUST BE REPORTED?

ALL use of registered pesticides (both restricted and general use pesticides) including

- herbicides
- fungicides
- insecticides
- defoliants, plant regulators, etc.
- but not antimicrobials (disinfectants)

WHAT INFORMATION WILL BE COLLECTED?

General information

- Date of application
- Amount of undiluted product
- Product identification
- Purpose of application
- Location (water basin or ZIP code)

WHAT IS A PESTICIDE?

A pesticide is any substance or mixture of substances intended to prevent, destroy, repel, or mitigate any pest.

The term pesticide is often misunderstood to mean insecticide. However, pesticide also refers to herbicides, fungicides, and various other substances used to control pests.

Site categories and specific site reporting

- Agriculture
 - Field crops
 - Fruit/nuts
 - Livestock/poultry
 - Nursery/Christmas trees
 - Oil crops
 - Pasture/forage/hay
 - Seed crops
 - Vegetables
 - Other
- Aquatic
- Forestry
- Public health/regulatory pests
- Research
- Right-of-way
- Urban/general indoor
 - Dwelling/residence
 - Site with public access
 - Site with non-public access
 - Other
- Urban/general outdoor
 - Site associated with dwelling/residence
 - Site with public access
 - Site with non-public access
 - Other
- Other

