



Licensing Requirements to Apply Pesticides Used in Marijuana Production in Washington State

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Do I need a license to apply pesticides used in marijuana production?

1. **Growers** - If you apply only pesticides currently allowed for use in marijuana production on land you or your employer owns or rents, then you are not required to have a pesticide license from WSDA.

Only General Use Pesticides are currently allowed for use in marijuana production in Washington State.

However, if you are applying any pesticide that includes an “Agricultural Use Requirements” box on the label, then employees must be trained on Worker Protection Standard (WPS) requirements. Three options for training employees on the WPS requirements are to have:

- An employee get a private applicator's license from WSDA and give the training.
- An employee attend a WPS Train-the-Trainer course to become a certified trainer and give the training. The Training Calendar is available on the WSDA Technical Services and Education webpage, which appears below.
- An appropriately licensed or trained individual give the training for you.

More information can be found at <https://agr.wa.gov/departments/marijuana/pesticide-use>

2. **Commercial Applicators** - If you or your employees are in the business of applying pesticides used in marijuana production on the property of another person, then you must be licensed as a commercial applicator, and your employees must be licensed as commercial operators.

In addition, you must have the appropriate pesticide license exam categories (e.g., Agricultural Insect & Disease Control, Pest Animal Control, Agricultural Weed) for all the categories in which your company operates.

Contact Information:

- **For information on Pesticide Licensing**, contact the WSDA Pesticide Licensing Section.
 - Phone: 1-877-301-4555 Email: license@agr.wa.gov
 - Web: <https://agr.wa.gov/services/licenses-permits-and-certificates/pesticide-license-and-recertification>
- **For information about WPS Train-the-Trainer courses**, contact the WSDA Technical Services and Education Program.
 - Flor Servin (English and Spanish) Phone: 509-423-0242 Email: FServin@agr.wa.gov
 - Web: <https://agr.wa.gov/services/education-and-training/tsep>