Selling Home and Garden (H&G) products?

Washington State Department of Agriculture (WSDA) pesticide program receives many questions from retailers and consumers about which products are considered Home and Garden (H&G) in the state of Washington. WSDA has classified certain federal and state General Use Pesticides as H&G products which allows a homeowner to purchase them without a pesticide license. In addition, the store does not need to record the customer’s information at time of sale; does not need to hold a Pesticide Dealer endorsement on their Master Business License; and does not need to have licensed Dealer Managers.

Here is a tool to help you figure out if a product is considered H&G. Answer each question below and follow the arrows.

- Does the product’s directions for use include home, residential, limited animal (for instance pet or companion), or small-scale animal quarters?  
  - NO: NOT classified as home/garden use; dealer/manager license required
  - YES: Is the pesticide a rodenticide?
    - NO: See WSDA publication 706-655 “Selling rodenticide products?”
    - YES: Does the product label contain any of these words or phrases?  
      - NO: NOT classified as home/garden use; dealer/manager license required
      - YES: Is the product a state Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP)?  
        - NO: Classified as home/garden use; you may sell without a Pesticide Dealer endorsement on your Master Business License or a Dealer Manager License.
        - YES: NOT classified as home/garden use; dealer/manager license required
Example 1: State RUP

Note: The label does not indicate this aquatic pesticide is a RUP. Dealers must be familiar with the General Pesticide Rules detailing state RUPs (see WAC 16-228-1231 through 1238).

Example 2: Federal RUP

Note: The label states “Restricted Use Pesticide.”

Example 3: Category 1 - Danger/Poison

Note: “Danger/Poison” is clearly stated on the label.

Example 4: For Commercial or Professional Use

Note: There will be an “Agriculture Use Requirements” box on the label.

Example 5: Ag Use Box

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