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.

1. 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: Does the product label contain any of these words or phrases?  
       - 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: See WSDA publication 706-665 “Selling rodenticide products?”  
     - YES: See full list of ingredients, uses, and formulations in state rule WAC 16-228-1231.  
2. 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 3: Category 1 - Danger/Poison

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

Keep Out of Reach of Children

DANGER 🍀 POISON

Si usted no entiende la etiqueta, busque a alguien para que se la explique a usted en detalle. (If you do not understand the label, find someone to explain it to you in detail.)

Example 2: Federal RUP

Note: The label states “Restricted Use Pesticide.”

Example 4: For Commercial or Professional Use

Example 5: Ag Use Box

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

Directions for Use

Restricted Use Pesticide

It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in a manner inconsistent with its labeling. Read all Directions for Use carefully before applying.

Do not apply this product in a way that will contact workers or other persons, either directly or through drift. Only handlers may be in the application block from the start of the application until the entry restricted period ends, and in the buffer zone during the buffer zone period. For any requirements specific to your state or tribe, consult the agency responsible for pesticide regulation.

Agricultural Use Requirements

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard, 40 CFR Part 170. This standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, forests, nurseries, and greenhouses, and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard (WPS). No instructions elsewhere on the labeling relieve users from complying with the requirements of WPS. For the entry restricted period and notification requirements, see the Entry Restricted Period and Notification section of this label.

PPE for Entry During the Restricted Period: PPE for entry that is permitted by this labeling is listed in the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) section of this labeling.

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