



AQUATIC AND MOSQUITO PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

All of the elements in this checklist must be addressed to legally operate as a commercial pesticide application business in Wisconsin. A pesticide is any substance used to control or repel a pest or to prevent the damage that pests may cause. Pests can be insects, fish and other animals, unwanted plants (weeds), fungi, or microorganisms like bacteria and viruses.

Aquatic and Mosquito pesticide applications include the following purposes:

1. To control pests in standing or running surface water, or below the high water mark.
2. To control mosquitoes in water or on land. Certification in another pesticide applicator certification category is required to control other terrestrial pests.

General Requirements

- 1. **Commercial Pesticide Application Business License:** Business shall be licensed annually, includes sole proprietors. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.20(1).
- 2. **Commercial Pesticide Applicator Certification:** Each individual who uses pesticides or who “directs the use” as a supervisor, shall be certified within the appropriate pesticide applicator certification category. Applicators certify in different categories for different types of applications. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.26, 29.8 and 29.31(1)-(16).
- 3. **Individual Commercial Applicator Licenses:** Each individual who applies pesticides or is “directing the use” of a pesticide as a supervisor shall be licensed annually. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.25(1).
- 4. **Storage and Transportation of Pesticide:** Store and transport according to state requirements. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.40, 29.45, 29.47 and ATCP 33.
- 5. **Use and Disposal of Pesticide:** Properly use and dispose of pesticides. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.40, 29.45, 29.47, and ATCP 33.
- 6. **Post-Application Information:** After making a pesticide application, give the customer specific information, including post application precautions. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.22.
- 7. **Pesticide Application Records:** Businesses / applicators shall create records for all pesticide applications, and keep them for two years. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.21(1) and 29.33(1).
- 8. **Advanced Notice for Bees:** Provide specific application information to individuals requesting advance notification of pesticides highly toxic to bees. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.51(1).

Aquatic Application Requirements

- 9. **Aquatic Pesticide Application Permits:** Obtain a permit issued by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) before making certain aquatic applications. Before making a permitted aquatic pesticide application, offer/give information about the application must be offered to the customer and/or riparian property owners. Wis. Admin. Code § NR 107.
- 10. **Aquatic Pesticide Application Posting Requirements:** Post the appropriate sign before an aquatic application is made when required by the product label or Wis. Admin. Code § NR 107 permit condition.

Terrestrial and Adult Mosquito Application Requirements

- 11. **Pre-Application Information:** Before the first mosquito control pesticide application in a landscape is made each year, give your customers a written offer of pre-application information. Wis. Admin. Code ATCP 29.56(2)(b).
- 12. **Landscape Registry, Advanced Notice:** Provide 12 hours advance notice of a landscape pesticide application to each individual who listed a specific property on the annual landscape registry. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.56(7).
- 13. **Warning Signs at Application Sites:** Post a warning sign before applying a pesticide to a landscape (e.g. lawn, trees, shrubs, ornamentals, flower beds). Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.56(3)(4)(5).
- 14. **Information to Other Parties:** While making a landscape application, if a person other than the customer asks for information pertaining to that pesticide application, you are required to provide specific 'Information Provided Upon Request'. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.56(6).
- 15. **Post-Application Information, Landscape:** Immediately after making a landscape application, specific information must be provided to the customer, including post application precautions. Wis. Admin. Code ATCP 29.22.
- 16. **Pesticide Misting Systems and Non-Agricultural Chemigation Systems:** Design and operate pesticide misting and irrigation devices according to specific requirements. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.54.