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2019 Registration Bulletin for Businesses Performing Pest Control

Thank you for registering your pest control business with the Marin County Agricultural Commissioner!

Please remember that all county registrations expire annually on December 31st. Marin County does *not* send out reminders to register.

Any Marin-based Ag. Pest Control Operators and Maintenance Gardener businesses must schedule an appointment to register in person.

Structural Operators (Branch I, II, III); and any out-of-county Ag. Pest Control Operators or Maintenance Gardener businesses can mail in their registration and associated material.

New restrictions on Fipronil product labels!

New use restrictions were approved by the EPA in April 2017 and DPR in October 2017, as a result of recent studies that have shown that fipronil runoff from urban homes could be reduced by restricting treated areas, timing of applications, and altering spray methods.

Last year, fipronil was the second-most-reported pesticide active ingredient applied by structural pest control businesses in Marin County. If you apply either **Termidor** SC Termiticide/Insecticide (EPA Reg. No. 7969-210), or **Taurus** SC Termiticide/Insecticide (EPA Reg. No. 53883-279) on outside surfaces and foundation perimeters, please review the label, as there are new California use restrictions that you must follow:

- DO NOT apply to the garage door, driveway, vertical surfaces above the driveway and garage door, or to cracks and crevices leading or adjacent to the driveway such as the expansion joint between garage and driveway.
- DO NOT apply spray bandwidth at greater than 6 inches out and 6 inches up from where the ground meets the foundation.
- Only use of the 0.03% finished dilution is allowed.
- DO NOT re-apply at intervals less than 60 days.
- DO NOT apply more than 4 times per year.
- DO NOT make applications on any date between **November 1 and February 28**.
- Do not apply Taurus SC when rain is predicted within 48 hours post-application or during active precipitation.
- For foundation exterior perimeter treatments, apply Termidor SC finished dilution as a low-pressure (25 PSI or less at the nozzle) coarse general surface spray along the foundation exterior perimeter to an area six inches up and six inches out from where the ground meets the foundation.

If you have questions on these subjects or anything else pesticide related, please contact the Marin County Department of Agriculture at (415) 473-6700.

Safe Use of Rodenticides

Last year we received an interesting call from a pest control company that discovered green rodenticide bait blocks scattered in an alleyway of a shopping center. The company's service technician was at the shopping center performing routine maintenance on rodent snap traps. One of our Inspectors met the technician to take custody of the bait blocks and dispose of them properly. Upon further investigation, our office discovered that one of the tenants of the shopping center had applied the bait blocks in an attempt to kill rodents, but could not recall the name of the pesticide.

We are grateful to the pest control company for promptly notifying our office! As pest management professionals, you have the training and knowledge to recognize situations that could be unsafe for humans or the environment. Should you find any unsecured bait in the field, contact our Department immediately.

Pesticide Notification Requirements

The most common pesticide complaint our office receives is lack of proper notification to tenants prior to pesticide applications. All pest control businesses must provide notice of pesticide applications *prior to the pesticide application*. Communication with property operators is essential. Know who your contacts are and arrange in advance your notification process.

Ag Pest Control Operators and Maintenance Gardeners are required to give the operator of the property notice of the pesticide application (date of application, name of the pesticide, and any precautionary statements). We suggest you put the notice in writing, so you will have documentation that notice was given. The property operator is then responsible to pass the notification on to tenants or other people that may pass through the treated property. We suggest you remind your clients of their obligation to forward pesticide information to their tenants (3 CCR 6619(c)).

Structural Pest Control Operators are required to give both the property operator and tenants written notice of pesticide applications prior to the application. The details of what is required to be in this written notice is found in Business and Professions Code Section 8538.

In addition to giving notice before an application takes place, structural companies are also required to leave a completion notice. These disclosure notices (they are sometimes referred to as "door hangers") have to be left on the property after the applications. Disclosure notice requirements are found in CCR Title 16, 1970.4(c).

Pesticide Use Reports

Monthly Summary Pesticide Use Reports are due by the 10th of the month following the month of application. All Pest Control Business are required to file a negative (or "no use") report even in months when no pesticide applications occur.

We strongly encourage all pest control businesses to submit pesticide use reports electronically through CalAgPermits. Please e-mail us at marin.dept.ag@marincounty.org or contact our office at (415) 473-6700 for assistance in setting up your Marin County account.

Finally, please be sure when you submit a pesticide use report through CalAgPermits, you check that it is accepted and that the status of the PUR is "OK". If your reports show any other status (INC, ERR, DFT), please give us a call so that we can correct the problem. Most of the time, it is a simple fix.

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