

Pesticide Use Permits and the Pesticides Regulations

Pesticides can contaminate the soil, water and air. Pesticide Regulations have been developed under the Yukon's *Environment Act* to protect food, humans, and valuable plants and animals from exposure to pesticides.

The regulations focus on proper storage, handling and use of domestic, commercial, and restricted pesticides. Under the regulations, individuals or companies must obtain a **Pesticide Use Permit** in certain situations.

The Law

Under the Pesticides Regulations, you need a **Pesticide Use Permit** to:

- apply commercial or restricted pesticides;
- apply commercial or restricted pesticides on your private property;
- apply domestic, commercial or restricted pesticides in your tenant's home;
- apply domestic, commercial or restricted pesticides by aircraft;
- apply pesticides within 30 metres of an open body of water, or above an open body of water;
- apply commercial or restricted pesticides for research purposes;
- apply domestic, commercial or restricted pesticides on daycare, nursing home, school or hospital property; or
- possess or apply a pesticide or fertilizer listed in Schedule 4 of the regulations.

Applicators Must Be Certified

You do not need a Pesticide Use Permit if you are hiring a **certified pesticide applicator** to perform the work. However, you must ensure that the certified applicator or his/her assistant performs the work specified in the permit.

The applicator must have a **Pesticide Service Permit** (see separate Fact Sheet) to apply commercial or restricted pesticides. A **Pesticide Applicator Certificate** is required to purchase any commercial or restricted pesticides.

If you already have a **Pesticide Service Permit**, you may not need a **Pesticide Use Permit**. Permits may be issued/ renewed for a period of up to three years for \$25.00 per year.

Keeping Records

If you have a **Pesticide Service** or **Use Permit**, you must keep daily records of pesticide use and submit the records by December 31 each year. From the date that the pesticide is applied, records must be maintained for three years on the prescribed Daily Record of Pesticide Use form.

Pesticide Retailers must keep a record of sales of commercial and restricted pesticides and ask holders of Pesticide Service or Use Permits about the intended use of the pesticides they purchase.

Other Topics

Fact Sheets are also available on the following topics:

- Pesticides Regulations
- Pesticide Vendor Permits
- Pesticide Service Permits
- Pesticide Applicator Certificates
- Rodent Problems
- Adult Mosquito Control

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