

Pesticide Record Keeping Requirements in Nebraska

Restricted-use pesticide recording keeping requirements have already been adopted at the federal level for both private and commercial applicators. Nebraska regulations adopt these existing federal requirements with a few modifications. By meeting the state pesticide applicator record keeping requirements, all federal applicator record keeping requirements will simultaneously be met.

Private Applicator Restricted-Use Pesticide Record Keeping Requirements

The following information on the use of all restricted-use pesticides must be kept for a minimum of three years.

- A. The brand or product name and the EPA registration number of the pesticide applied.
- B. The total amount of pesticide applied
- C. Location of the application, size of the area treated, crop, commodity, stored product, or site to which the pesticide was applied. The location may be recorded using any of the following designations:
 - 1. County, range, township, and section.
 - 2. Maps and/or written description which accurately identify the location.
 - 3. The legal property description.

If the applications of the RUP made on the same day cover a total of less than 1/10 of an acre, note it as a “spot application,” followed by a concise description of the location. (Example - spot application, musk thistle in north pasture.)

- D. The date of the application.
- E. The name and certification number of the applicator.
- F. In accordance with the federal regulation (adopted as the State regulation, the information required shall be recorded within 14 days following the restricted-use pesticide application.

Commercial and Noncommercial Record Keeping Requirements

Record keeping for general-use pesticides are required for applicators in the structural category. They are identical to the RUP requirements. All such information must be recorded within 48 hours of the pesticide application and kept for a minimum of three years following the application. These records should be kept and maintained at the principal place of business and contain true and accurate information. This information shall include the following:

- A. Name and address of the person for whom the pesticide was applied.

- B. Name, address, and certified applicator number of the person making the application.
- C. Location of the pesticide application.
- D. Target pests.
- E. The site of the application (specific crop or commodity, type of field, type of surface (soil, turf, wood, etc.)
- F. Date of the application.
- G. Initial starting time of the application.
- H. Trade name and EPA registration number of the pesticide applied.
- I. Rate of application applied per unit of measure (i.e., pounds per acre).
- J. Total amount of pesticide applied to the site.
- K. Total area or size of treated site.
- L. Method of disposal of unused pesticide. If no unused pesticide remained, records should indicate such.

Recommended for Outdoor Applications

- A. It is recommended that the record include estimated wind direction and velocity at the time of application.
- B. It is recommended that estimated ambient temperature at the time of application be recorded. Temperature measurements may be taken as you begin a short job or in the middle of a long-term application.
- C. Restricted Entry Interval (REI).

Pesticide Dealer Record Keeping Requirements

- A. Name and address of the person to whom the restricted-use pesticide is made available. No dealer may make a restricted-use pesticide available to any uncertified person, unless he or she can document that the restricted-use pesticide will be used by a certified applicator.
- B. Name and address of the certified applicator or dealer who will use the restricted-use pesticide if different from above.

- C. An applicator certification number or dealer license number.
- D. The state or other governmental unit that issued the certification document.
- E. The expiration date of the license.
- F. The categories in which the applicator is certified, if applicable.
- G. Produce name and EPA registration number.
- H. The quantity of the pesticide made available.
- I. The date of the transaction.

Questions regarding pesticide record keeping requirements may be addressed by calling the Nebraska Department of Agriculture at (402) 471-2394.