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Paraquat Dichloride Training

As required by EPA's [Paraquat Dichloride Human Health Mitigation Decision](#) and amended Paraquat dichloride (aka. Paraquat) product labels, certified applicators must successfully complete an EPA—approved training program before mixing, loading, and or applying Paraquat. The training provides important information about paraquats toxicity, new label requirements and restrictions and the consequences of miss use.

Who Is Required to Take This Training?

Any person who intends to use paraquat must be a certified applicator and is required to take the training. “Use” includes pre-application activities involving mixing and loading the pesticide; applying the pesticide; and other pesticide-related activities, including, but not limited to, transporting or storing opened pesticide containers, cleaning equipment, and disposing of excess pesticides, spray mix, equipment wash waters, pesticide containers, and other paraquat - containing materials.

Who is permitted to use Paraquat?

The use of paraquat, which is a restricted use pesticide, is restricted to certified pesticide applicators only; noncertified persons working under the supervision of a certified applicator are prohibited from using paraquat, including mixing, loading, applying the pesticide, and other pesticide-related activities.

What are the training requirements for paraquat products?

To use paraquat products, you must be a certified applicator. In addition, paraquat-specific training is

required by new paraquat labels and must be completed prior to using products with the new labeling. All paraquat labels are expected to include a link to the training by Fall 2019. The training provides important information about paraquat's toxicity, new label requirements and restrictions, and the consequences of misuse. The training must be retaken every three years. Although this training is a paraquat label requirement, a state may choose to approve it for continuing education. For state-specific requirements, contact your state lead pesticide agency. [To find the contact information for your state lead pesticide agency, see the National Pesticide Information Center's webpage on state pesticide regulatory agencies.](#)[Exit](#)

One of the label requirements is to maintain a record of the completed training. How will certified applicators show that they completed the required training?

Once the certified applicator successfully completes the training, a certificate will be automatically generated. Per the new labeling, applicators are required to retain certificates of training completion. In addition, paraquat registrants have arranged for the National Pesticide Safety Education Center (NPSEC) to retain certification records should the user, state regulators, or enforcement personnel need access.

The training is available online for paraquat users to take at their convenience at:

www.usparaquattraining.com.[Exit](#)