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Private Pesticide Applicator License Class

Need a Private Pesticide Applicator License to do weed and brush spraying on your own property? I plan to have up to 6 opportunities during this year and the first training I have planned will be on Thursday, January 30, 2020 from 8:30am to noon, here at the Wise County AgriLife Extension Office, 206 S. State Street, Decatur TX, 76234. The cost is \$60 which includes two training manuals and all the necessary forms you will need to send in to TDA and take the test.

The Texas Department of Agriculture license fee is \$100, and the required exam will cost \$64 and the nearest location to take the exam is Ft Worth or Wichita Falls. Once you pass the test and receive your license from TDA, it is good for 5 years and you will need to accumulate 15 Continuing Education Units (CEU's) in that five-year period. Of the 15 that TDA requires, 2 CEU's must be for Laws & Regulations and 2 for Integrated Pest Management, the remaining 11 can be generals or a mix of any of them. You may attend our educational programs we put on throughout the year to acquire the needed CEU's.

Our Private Pesticide Applicator License class is limited to the first 15 people, so if you would like to take this training please contact our office and register by January 24th at 940-627-3341. I will work out the dates for the rest of the year very soon and get it out to everyone and post it in all the farm & ranch stores throughout the County.

Please note: The Private Pesticide Applicator License is for agricultural producers and landowners who apply restricted use pesticides to their own property. If you want to do spraying for your neighbor or for hire with a restricted use pesticide you will need to get a Commercial License, the annual fee for this is \$200, and you are required to acquire 5 CEU's per year and renew your license annually. Unlike the Private Applicator license, you do not have to take a training class for a commercial or noncommercial license, but I highly recommend you take our training as it will help you prepare for the test. We provide you with the two manuals you will need for any license.