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MARIJUANA AND PESTICIDES FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Can I use pesticides on marijuana?

Yes. You can use a pesticide on marijuana if the product meets **all** the following conditions:

- Product needs to be registered with EPA;
- Product needs to be registered for use in Massachusetts;
- Product needs to be labeled for both hemp and tobacco;
- When a product has 2 different rates for hemp and tobacco, the applicator **MUST** use the lower of the 2 rates;
- Product must be without “Days to Harvest” for indoor use in;
- The active ingredient must be food tolerance exempt; and
- Product **MUST** be labeled for use on hemp in a greenhouse if being used on marijuana cultivated in an indoor setting.

2. Does MDAR have a list of products allowed for use?

No. It is up to the user to ensure the criteria is being met. However, EPA currently has a list of products that are now labeled for hemp. While MDAR does not know how long EPA will keep the list online, it is a good place to begin when looking for a product to use. The list is at: [Pesticide Products Registered for Use on Hemp | US EPA](#)

3. How do I find out if a pesticide is an exempt from a food tolerance?

EPA determines food tolerances for active ingredients. To find out if the active ingredient in a product is exempt visit: [eCFR :: 40 CFR Part 180 -- Tolerances and Exemptions for Pesticide Chemical Residues in Food](#) or the [quick reference guide](#).

4. Where do I find the Active Ingredient information?

The active ingredient is on the label of the product.

5. Do I need a license to use pesticides?

If you are using a general use pesticide then a pesticide license is not required, but the individual using the pesticide needs to be trained as a handler under the Worker Protection Standard. If you are using a restricted use pesticide than a private certification license is needed.

6. What is the Worker Protection Standard (“WPS”)?

The Worker Protection Standard (WPS) is aimed at reducing the risk of pesticide poisoning and injury among agricultural workers and pesticide handlers. It requires training of workers and handlers, notifications, safety postings and record keeping. It is required when using any agricultural pesticide. To find out more information about WPS please go to: [Worker Protection Standard \(WPS\) | Mass.gov](#)

7. Does this affect the testing requirements as required by the CCC?

MDAR will work with the CCC to ensure the agency is up to date on policy changes, but for further information on testing requirement you should contact the CCC.