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## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

### Pesticides Containing Neonicotinoids Registration Change

#### **What changes are being made to pesticides containing neonicotinoids?**

In February of 2021, the Pesticide Subcommittee voted to change the classification of products containing neonicotinoids that have specific use patterns from general use to state restricted use.

#### **Which products contain neonicotinoids?**

The following six (6) active ingredients are classified as neonicotinoids:

- Acetamiprid
- Clothianidin
- Dinotefuran
- Imidacloprid
- Thiacloprid
- Thiamethoxam

#### **Which products containing neonicotinoids will be changing from general use to state restricted use?**

Products that are labeled for turf, trees, shrubs, golf courses and ornamentals will become state restricted use.

#### **When does this change go into effect?**

The change will go into effect on July 1, 2022.

#### **If a product is labeled for turf and structural use will it be restricted?**

Yes. Many products have multiple sites listed on the label. If one of the sites is listed to be state restricted use than the whole product become state restricted use. For example, if the label has turf and structural uses listed on the label it will be classified as state restricted use.

#### **If I have purchased product before July 1, 2022, will I be able to use it as a general use product?**

No. All products purchased before or after July 1, 2022 will be state restricted use on July 1, 2022.

#### **Will the pesticide product label indicate that it is state restricted use?**

The pesticide label will not indicate that it is a state restricted use pesticide. However, beginning July 1, 2022 only an individual with Dealers licenses will be allowed to sell any products that become restricted use and only individuals with the appropriate license will be able to purchase the products.

**What type of license do I need to use a state restricted use pesticide?**

If an individual works in the commercial industry, then a Commercial Certification License is needed. Someone can use a restricted use pesticide if they have a Commercial Applicators License as long as they are working under the direct supervision of someone with a Commercial Certification.

Not all agricultural use products will become state restricted, but if a product is state restricted use than the individual using the Agricultural product would need a Private Certification license.

**What can I do with product I purchased when it was general use that becomes restricted use if I don't have the proper license to use it?**

The Department recommends that you do not purchase product in bulk and only purchase product as you need it to avoid having this issue. However, if have a product that becomes state restricted and you do not have the proper licensure to apply it, you will need to dispose the product as hazardous waste.