



TO: AGRICULTURAL PEST CONTROL BUSINESSES & MAINTENANCE GARDENERS
SUBJECT: 2025 REGISTRATION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

California Food and Agriculture Code Section 11732 requires annual registration of licensed pest control businesses with the Agricultural Commissioner of each county in which pest control work is performed.

Online Registration and Payment Available on Dec. 1

On December 1, 2024, our office will begin accepting Agricultural Pest Control Business and Maintenance Gardener registrations for the year 2025 through www.CalAgPermits.com. Please login to your CalAgPermits online account to find the registration option on the dashboard. Step-by-step instructions and forms can be found on our website at www.smcgov.org/agwm. If you need an online account or help logging-in, please contact us at (650) 363-4700 or via email at SMateoAg@smcgov.org.

Registration fees for 2025 are **\$60.00** for Pest Control Businesses or **\$25.00** for Maintenance Gardeners.

Your business license must be current for 2025 with the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to register your business with the local Agricultural Commissioner's Office.

Please complete the following steps to register:

1. Log in to your CalAgPermits account. On the dashboard, please select the option, "Registration Required." Complete required information.
2. Complete and/or upload the following documents:
 - a) A completed and **signed** county registration form
 - b) Qualified Applicator License (QAL) or Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC)
 - c) Department of Pesticide Regulation Business License
 - d) A completed equipment listDocuments may be scanned or photographed for the upload.
3. Once your registration is submitted, our office will review the application within two business days. Once your registration is approved, you will receive an e-mail request for online payment.
4. Last Step - Log back into your CalAgPermits account and submit your online payment. **You are not registered until you have paid your annual fee.** Your receipt is your proof of registration. Your CalAgPermits account will show the date you registered with San Mateo County.

If registering by mail, all registration forms and equipment list are available on our department website: www.smcgov.org/agwm. Please send all registration materials and payment to:

SAN MATEO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER
P.O. BOX 999, REDWOOD CITY, CA 94064-0999

Be aware that incomplete forms, incorrect information, or the incorrect fee will delay completion of your registration. **Restricted Material Permits are issued by appointment ONLY** following a review of your previous year's permit file and reported pesticide use. You may phone for an appointment at (650) 363-4700 and ask to speak with your district biologist. Pest Control Businesses based outside of San Mateo County should contact Richard Garcia at rgarcia@smcgov.org.

Monthly pesticide use reports may now be submitted on-line via CalAgPermits. Each pest control business must submit a monthly pesticide use report to the Agricultural Commissioner by the 10th of the following month. Once registered, you must **submit a use report every month**. A negative use report is required for those months during which no pest control work is performed. There are brief video tutorials available on your CalAgPermits home screen labeled **Training Videos**.

Pest control on public roadways, street medians and bicycle paths require an agricultural pest control business license with a QAL or QAC in Category C- Rights of Way. A maintenance gardener license is not adequate for work on rights of way.

We would like to hear from you. Please visit our department website at www.smcgov.org/agwm to complete a short Customer Survey.

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation to ensure that pesticides are used safely and in compliance with all current regulations.

Best wishes for the New Year!

If you **do not** intend to perform pest control work in San Mateo County this year, please contact us to let us know. Please provide us with the information below. You may fax it to (650)367-0130 or e-mail it to smateoag@smcgov.org or mail it to:

San Mateo County Agricultural Commissioner
P.O. Box 999
Redwood City, CA 94064-0999

I will **not** be performing pest control work in San Mateo County during 2025.

Business Name _____ (please print)

Contact email: _____

Contact phone number: _____

Printed Name

Date

Signature



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DATE: November 7, 2024

SUBJECT: First Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides Restricted Use Material Status, Prohibited and Allowed Uses Effective January 1, 2025

First Generation Anti-Coagulant Rodenticides: Restricted Use Material Status

Assembly Bill No. 2552 was passed and signed by the Governor on September 25, 2024, and will go into effect on January 1, 2025. This bill adds first generation anticoagulant rodenticides as restricted materials, specifically products with the active ingredients: diphacinone, chlorophacinone and warfarin to California Food and Agriculture Code (FAC) 12978.7. This code section currently restricts the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides with the active ingredients of brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difencoum and difethialone. This update will prohibit most uses, require application by a certified applicator and restrict sales to the end user by a Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) licensed pest control dealer. The first generation anticoagulant rodenticides (diphacinone, chlorophacinone, and warfarin) have not been added in the code as California restricted materials and therefore do not require a restricted material permit.

Prohibited Uses

Effective January 1, 2025, it is unlawful to use first and second generation anticoagulant rodenticides in **residential settings**, and most **industrial** and **institutional** settings, such as restaurants, grocery stores, airports, offices, construction sites, ports and terminal buildings, shipyards, timber yards, schools, shopping malls, sewers, and sewage treatment plants. Many **non-production agricultural** uses, such as cemeteries, golf courses, parks, highways, and railroads, are also prohibited.

Additionally, the definition of “wildlife habitat area” has been expanded to include “any park or wildlife refuge managed by a state agency, regional government, quasi-government agency, or by a special district.” Use of first and second generation anticoagulant rodenticides in a wildlife habitat area is prohibited unless the use meets one of the exemptions as an allowed use.

Allowed Uses

Effective January 1, 2025, first and second generation anticoagulant rodenticides are restricted materials and **must be applied by or under the supervision of a certified applicator**. A certified applicator is someone who has a license with DPR, the Structural Pest Control Board or a Private Applicator Certificate (PAC).

Allowed uses (exceptions to the prohibited uses) include:

- Government agency employees protecting water supply infrastructure and facilities (e.g., wells, surface-water intakes, dams, reservoirs, storage tanks, drinking-water facilities, pipes, and aqueducts).

- Use by a mosquito or vector control district, including use under a contract with a pest control business licensed by the Department or registered with the Structural Pest Control Board.
- For eradication of nonnative invasive species on offshore islands.
- If the Department of Fish and Wildlife determines the use is required to control or eradicate an invasive rodent population for the protection of threatened or endangered species or their habitats.
- To control an actual or potential infestation associated with an urgent, non-routine public health need declared by the State Public Health Officer or a local public health officer.
- At FDA-registered and inspected facilities involved in commercial manufacture, preparation, compounding, etc., of drugs.
- At medical waste generators as defined in Health and Safety Code section 117705, such as the following examples:
 - Medical, dental, and veterinary offices, clinics, hospitals, surgery centers, etc.;
 - Pet shops;
 - Trauma scene waste management practitioners.
- For research funded by DPR to protect the food system and the environment or reevaluation.
- On agricultural sites producing any horticultural, viticultural, aquacultural, forestry, dairy, livestock, poultry, bee, or farm product.
- At a warehouse used to store foods for human or animal consumption.
- At a food manufacturing or processing plant, such as a slaughterhouse or cannery.
- At a factory, brewery, or winery; including restaurants with an attached winery or brewery.
- On-farm water storage and conveyance facilities to protect on-farm water supply systems, facilities, and related infrastructure and this includes on-farm areas such as waterways, irrigation canals, levies, dams, ponds, reservoirs, wells, water tanks, irrigation pumps and pump houses, and drip tape or other irrigation lines outside of farm fields.
- On-farm storage housing rights-of-way and other transportation infrastructure materials to protect on-farm transportation infrastructure. This includes on-farm areas such as driveways (including driveways to barns and houses), farm or ranch roads (such as along farm fields), and bridge or culvert embankments.

For an allowed use of first and second generation anticoagulant rodenticides, the product labeling and other applicable pesticide laws and regulations must be followed. In the event of a conflict between labeling requirements, other pesticide laws and regulations, and FAC section 12978.7, the strictest requirement must be followed.

A restricted material permit is **not** required for an allowed use of first generation anticoagulant rodenticides (diphacinone, chlorophacinone and warfarin) under FAC 12978.7 (f) and (g). A restricted material permit **is** required for second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difencoum and difethialone). Please contact your district biologist if you need to amend your operator identification number or restricted material permit.

To dispose of existing first and second generation anticoagulant rodenticides products appropriately, please contact your local hazardous waste disposal program.

If you have questions on this amended regulation, please contact our office at (650) 363-4700.

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SUBJECT: Restrictions on Neonicotinoid Uses in Non-Agriculture Outdoor Settings
Effective January 1, 2025

This letter announces a revision to Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) section 12838 by Assembly Bill (AB) 363 (Chapter 836, Statutes of 2023). Effective January 1, 2025, **neonicotinoid pesticide products used for non-agricultural uses on outdoor ornamental plants, trees, or turf can only be sold by licensed dealers and applied by California certified commercial applicators.**

Neonicotinoid pesticides are defined as pesticides containing acetamiprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran, imidacloprid, thiamethoxam, or any other chemical designated by the department as belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals.

A California certified commercial applicator is one who has a valid Qualified Applicator License (QAL), Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) except subcategory Q (Maintenance Gardener Pest Control), Structural Pest Control Operator or Field Representative license, or Vector Control Technician. **Neonicotinoids used in non-agricultural settings cannot be applied by employees unless properly certified**, even if under the supervision of a certified commercial applicator.

Non-agricultural use sites include home use, industrial or institutional use, structural use, and vector control use. Examples of outdoor, non-agricultural use sites that would fall under these restrictions include:

- Outdoor applications to ornamental nursery stock at a retail nursery.
- Outdoor applications to ornamental plants in a non-agricultural use setting, such as landscaping around homes and other residences, schools, libraries, airports, and businesses.
- Outdoor applications to all trees in non-agricultural use settings, including “nonproduction” fruit and nut trees around homes and residences.
- Outdoor applications to turf in non-agricultural use settings.

Pesticide use on parks or recreation areas, greenbelts, golf courses, cemeteries and along rights-of way are considered “Agricultural use” and are unaffected by this change.

To dispose of existing neonicotinoid products appropriately, please contact your local hazardous waste disposal program.

If you have questions on this amended regulation, please contact our office at (650) 363-4700.