



## COUNTY OF SAN MATEO

**TO:** SAN MATEO COUNTY GROWERS AND NURSERYMEN

**SUBJECT:** 2024 RESTRICTED MATERIAL PERMIT/OPERATOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER RENEWAL

Our department will begin issuing 2024 Restricted Material Permits and Operator Identification Numbers on December 1, 2023. **All businesses growing an agricultural commodity must obtain an Operator ID or Restricted Materials Permit annually prior to applying pesticides.**

To obtain or renew your restricted materials permit or operator identification number you will need to do the following.

1. Set up an appointment with a District Biologist at (650) 363-4700.
2. Provide a copy via text, or email, or live chat:
  - a. Private applicator certification card, if applicable.
  - b. Proof of continuing education hours earned if your private applicator certification is due for renewal- last names beginning with R through Z until December 1, 2023.
  - c. Restricted Materials Alternatives form if you are renewing a restricted materials permit.
3. Permits/Operator Identification Numbers will be reviewed in detail, including the site maps. Any necessary changes must be made in our database prior to the permit being printed. Growers who use only non-restricted materials must renew their annual Operator Identification Number and review their site information with staff as well.
4. The biologist will provide a copy of your Restricted Materials Permit/ Operator Identification Number for you to sign and return to the biologist. The biologist will provide you with a signed copy.
5. You will be contacted by your District Biologist for your required annual headquarters/records inspection.

**Private Applicator certification will expire on December 31, 2023 for those with last names beginning with R through Z. If you do not renew your private applicator card before January 1, 2024, you must take and pass a recertification exam.** Beginning on January 1, 2024, all private applicators must take an updated exam. Those with last names beginning **A** through **H** and **I** through **Q** will **not** need to renew their Private Applicator certification for 2024 but **will** still need to renew their Restricted Materials Permit or Operator Identification Number **prior** to using pesticides in 2024.

**Pesticide Use Near Schools:** All production agriculture operations located within ¼ mile of a public K-12 school or a licensed daycare facility are required to notify schools/daycare facilities by **April 30, 2024** of all organic or conventional pesticides and adjuvants, expected to be used July 2024-June 2025. The required notification can be provided to the schools beginning Jan. 1 through CalAgPermits.

**Pesticide use reports** may be submitted on-line in CalAgPermits. Please contact your district biologist or send an email requesting a username and password to [smateoag@smcgov.org](mailto:smateoag@smcgov.org) or contact our office at (650) 363-4700 if interested.

Please visit our Department website to complete a short one minute online survey at [www.smcgov.org/agwm](http://www.smcgov.org/agwm).

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and best wishes for the New Year!