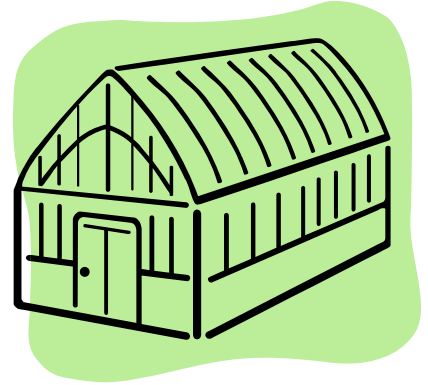


Worker Protection Standard



Greenhouse and Nursery Grower Checklist

- Q: Does the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) apply to me?
- A: Any nursery or greenhouse that grows or maintains nursery plants (such as ornamentals, shrubs, annuals, potted plants, flowering plants, etc.) for sale or for other commercial use can fall under the scope of the WPS. If you've used a pesticide (herbicide, insecticide, fungicide, etc.) during the last 30 days, you may be required to comply with the WPS.
- Q: Which employees are covered?
- A: Only *workers* and *handlers* are covered. **Workers** are individuals compensated for watering, harvesting, thinning, weeding, or other tasks related to the production of plants in a nursery or greenhouse. **Handlers** are those whose duties include mixing, loading or applying a pesticide; handling open pesticide containers; cleaning or repairing pesticide application equipment; or otherwise assisting in a pesticide application.
- Q: What pesticides are included in WPS requirements?
- A: Any pesticide which allows use in commercial nurseries or greenhouses. This includes general-use and restricted-use herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, rodenticides, or any other pesticide, with "Agricultural Use Requirements" in its Directions for Use. These requirements also specify the Restricted Entry Interval, or REI, which forbids entry into a treated area for a set time.
- Q: Can I use homeowner, "off the shelf" pesticides in a commercial greenhouse or nursery?
- A: Labels of pesticides you can use in a commercial operation must have instructions that make it clear that they can be used in the production of commercial plants. Products labeled "For Home Garden Use" or "Not for Use in Commercial Greenhouses" cannot be used in commercial greenhouses or nurseries.

For more information and training materials on the WPS, call NMDA at 1-800-432-5310
or visit our website at www.nmda.nmsu.edu

See over for checklist ⇒ ⇒ ⇒

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**Have you given your workers and handlers the protection required by the WPS?
Use this checklist as a reminder. Remember you may have duties to other
employees. See EPA's 2005 How-To-Comply manual for complete information.**

WPS Provisions	Yes or No?
Pesticide Labeled for Use	- Pesticide allows use in greenhouses or nurseries and has WPS info on label
Safety Training	- Workers & Handlers trained according to requirements - Training documented - Training conducted by qualified person
Information at a Central Location	- Safety Poster & Emergency Info properly displayed - Specific application info available & posted before application - Workers & handlers know where info is posted & have ready access to it - Info displayed for 30 days after REI expires
Notice of Pesticide Applications	- Workers notified about applications - Notification in language workers understand - Oral warnings provide location, restricted entry time & notification to stay out of treated area - Treated areas posted as required - Signs put up & taken down as required
Entry Restrictions	- Workers not allowed in treated areas during applications & REIs - Buffer zones met - Requirements for any early entry tasks met (PPE, label & safety info, decontamination, heat illness)
Decontamination	- Located within ¼ mile of work area & at pesticide mixing sites - For workers: clean water, soap, disposable towels - For handlers: Worker supplies plus change of clothing
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	- All PPE required by pesticide labels provided - Handlers understand how to use PPE - PPE properly fitted, cleaned & maintained - Employer assures handlers use all required PPE
Handler Safety	- Handlers know how to use pesticide application equipment properly - Handlers have access to & understand pesticide label & safety information - Measures taken to prevent heat illness - Handlers monitored continually or every 2 hours when required
Communication with Commercial Applicators	- If commercial applicator is hired to apply pesticides, mechanism followed to assure communication about applications beforehand so employer can inform workers
Emergency Assistance in Case of Poisoning	- Prompt transportation to appropriate emergency facility provided - Pesticide name, EPA Reg. No., active ingredients, & other medical info from label can be provided to medical personnel