



# Madera County Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures

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## 2016 Madera County Informational Updates

- The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has made the active ingredient, **Chlorpyrifos, a restricted material effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**. (Some examples of brand names: Nufos, Warhawk, Lorsban, Vulcan, Lock-on, Govern, etc.). The use of Chlorpyrifos requires a restricted materials permit, use by a certified applicator, notice of intent, written recommendation if applied by a pest control business.
- **Closed mixing system requirements – Starting January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016**, new regulations requiring closed mixing systems based on product label statements will be in effect. The new regulations **require use of a closed mixing system based on labeling precautionary statements and are a tiered approach (Tier 1 & Tier 2), depending on the precautionary statement.** Affected California Code of Regulations (CCR) sections can be found at <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/rulepkgs.htm>
- As of **July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015**, **changes to Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) regulations** became effective. Requirements for protective eyewear will be consistent with a nationally recognized consensus standard, and the hand protection requirements will be in alignment with U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) guidelines. (These changes do not include the proposed USEPA changes.) Affected CCR sections can be found at <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/rulepkgs.htm>
- DPR has **revised** the entire **Pesticide Safety Information Series (PSIS)**, updated versions of the PSIS can be found at: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/whs/psisenglish.htm> They are **available in English, Spanish and Punjabi** (PSIS A-8, A-9 are required to be posted if you have employees who are handlers and/or fieldworkers).
- DPR has created a new **Pollinator Protection web page**. The web page has the latest information on pollinator protection resources and links to neonicotinoid reevaluation, training, and new brochures for growers and beekeepers. The pollinator web page can be found at <http://cdpr.ca.gov/docs/enforce/pollinators>
- **High VOC Products Prohibited:** Within the San Joaquin Valley between **May 1- Oct 31, for 2016 and 2017**, the use of high VOC products containing the active ingredients abamectin, chlorpyrifos, gibberellins, oxyflourfen are prohibited on the following crops: almonds, alfalfa, citrus, cotton, grapes, pistachios and walnuts. For a list of High VOC Products and their Low VOC alternatives, please go to [www.cdpr.ca.gov](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov) and click on the A-Z search index, then click on "V", this will bring you to the VOC product lists.(Complete regulations, including exceptions, can be found in CCR sections 6558, 6577, 6880, 6881, 6883, 6884, 6886.)
- **No use of Phenoxy Herbicides** is allowed from **March 1<sup>st</sup> through October 15<sup>th</sup>**, each year.
- If you would like to **submit** Notice of Intents and Pesticide Use Reports through CalAgPermits (**electronically/online**), please provide us with your email and a "user name". A password will be emailed to you. Please email Tammy Dodson at our office: [Tdodson@madera-county.com](mailto:Tdodson@madera-county.com)
- We are offering Compliance Assistance or a **"free walk through" inspection to assist with compliance**. This is voluntary/ proactive approach to assess compliance with pesticide laws, regulation, etc. If you are interested, **please contact our office** at (559) 675-7876 and an inspector will schedule an appointment with you.