



LANDSCAPE PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

All of the elements in this checklist must be addressed to legally operate as a commercial pesticide application business in Wisconsin.

“Landscape” means turf, ornamental and mulched areas, located in or around residential premises, public or commercial facilities, parks, workplaces, care facilities, recreational areas and public lands.

“Landscape” does not include utility or transportation right-of-ways greenhouses, nurseries, or areas used for agricultural production, forest production or commercial turf production.

A pesticide is any substance used to control or repel a pest or to prevent the damage that pests may cause. Pests can be insects, mice and other animals, unwanted plants (weeds), fungi, or microorganisms like bacteria and viruses. Some landscape pesticide examples are:

- Herbicides – Weed-Feed, Roundup®, 2,4-D, Lesco Three-Way™, Triplet®, corn gluten meal and pre-emergents like Snapshot®, Preen®, and Haltz®.
- Insecticides – Merit™, Bayer Advanced™, GrubEx, Talstar®EZ and TREE-äge®.
- Fungicides – Liquid Copper and Spectracide Immunox®.
- and other products like repellants – Deer Solution

1. **Commercial Pesticide Application Business License:** Business shall be licensed annually, includes sole proprietors. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.20(1).
2. **Commercial Pesticide Applicator Certification:** Each individual who uses pesticides or who “directs the use” as a supervisor, shall be certified within the appropriate pesticide applicator certification category. Applicators certify in different categories for different types of applications. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.26, 29.8 and 29.31(1)-(16).
3. **Individual Commercial Applicator Licenses:** Each individual who applies pesticides or is “directing the use” of a pesticide as a supervisor shall be licensed annually. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.25(1).
4. **Storage and Transportation of Pesticide [And Fertilizer]:** Store and transport according to state requirements. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.40, 29.45, 29.47 and ATCP 33.
5. **Use and Disposal of Pesticide:** Properly use and dispose of pesticides. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.40, 29.45, 29.47, and ATCP 33.
6. **Pre-Application Information:** Before the first pesticide application to a landscape is made each year, give your customers a written offer of pre-application information. Wis. Admin. Code ATCP 29.56(2)(b).
7. **Landscape Registry, Advanced Notice:** Provide 12 hours advance notice of a landscape pesticide application to each individual who listed a specific property on the annual landscape registry. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.56(7).
8. **Advanced Notice for Bees:** Provide specific application information to individuals requesting advance notification of pesticides highly toxic to bees. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.51(1).
9. **Warning Signs at Application Sites:** Post a warning sign before applying a pesticide to a landscape (e.g. lawn, trees, shrubs, ornamentals, flower beds). Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.56(3)(4)(5).



- 10. **Information to Other Parties:** While making a landscape application, if a person other than the customer asks for information pertaining to that pesticide application, you are required to provide specific 'Information Provided Upon Request'. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.56(6).
- 11. **Post-Application Information:** Immediately after making a pesticide application give the customer specific information, including post application precautions. Wis. Admin. Code ATCP 29.22.
- 12. **Pesticide Application Records:** Businesses / applicators shall create records for all pesticide applications, and keep them for two years. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.21(1) and 29.33(1).
- 13. **Fertilizer Application, Required Customer Information:** Provide the customer with specific fertilizer application information. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 40.08.
- 14. **Keep Pesticide and Fertilizer Off Impervious Surfaces:** Sweep or otherwise move fertilizer and pesticide overspray off of the sidewalk or street into turf or ornamental target site.