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TO: SAN MATEO COUNTY GROWERS AND NURSERYMEN

SUBJECT: 2026 RESTRICTED MATERIAL PERMIT/OPERATOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER RENEWAL

Our department will begin issuing 2026 Restricted Material Permits and Operator Identification Numbers on December 1, 2025. **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. 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 issued. Growers who use only non-restricted materials must renew their annual Operator Identification Number and review their site information with staff as well.
3. Provide a copy if applicable:
 - a. Private applicator certification card
 - b. Restricted Materials Alternatives form if you are renewing a Restricted Materials Permit
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.

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, 2026** of all organic or conventional pesticides and adjuvants, expected to be used during the July 2026-June 2027 school year. The required notification can be provided to the schools beginning Jan. 1, 2026 through CalAgPermits.

Pesticide use reports may be submitted on-line in CalAgPermits. If you already have a computer program for your records, we can link it to CalAgPermits directly, saving you time and paper. Please contact your district biologist if interested or to request a username and password for CalAgPermits to smateoag@smcgov.org or contact our office at (650) 363-4700.

Pesticide Safety Information Series has been revised by the Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR): A-1, Working Safely with Pesticides in Agricultural Settings, A-6, Safety Rules for Minimal Exposure Pesticides (MEPs) in Agricultural Settings and A-8, Safety Rules for Pesticide Handlers in Agricultural Settings. If you have employees handling pesticides, you must **post the new version of A-8** to be in compliance. It is available on the DPR website: www.cdpr.ca.gov/worker-health-and-safety/education-series/

We always welcome your feedback so please visit our Department website to complete a short one minute online survey at www.smcgov.org/agwm.

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