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TO: SAN MATEO COUNTY CITIES, GOLF COURSES AND CEMETERY PROPERTY OPERATORS
SUBJECT: 2026 RESTRICTED MATERIAL PERMIT/OPERATOR IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Our Department will begin issuing 2026 Restricted Material Permits and Operator Identification Numbers on December 1, 2025. **All entities must obtain an Operator ID or Restricted Materials Permit annually prior to applying pesticides in 2026.**

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

1. Set up an appointment with your District Biologist at (650) 363-4700.
2. If you are renewing a Restricted Materials Permit, provide your Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) or Qualified Applicator License (QAL) card.
3. Restricted Material Permits: Be prepared to review your permit in detail, including the site maps. Permits will be reviewed and any necessary changes must be made in our database prior to the permit being printed. If your permit will be issued at your place of business, please discuss any changes with your district Biologist prior to your appointment so that the permit can be edited before it is issued.
4. Operator Identification Numbers: Property Operators whose employees use only non-restricted materials must renew their annual Operator Identification Number and review their site information with the assigned District Biologist.
5. Operator Identification Number Exemption: If you hire a licensed agricultural Pest Control Business (PCB) to do all pesticides applications on your non-production agriculture property and only non-restricted materials are used, you do not need an Operator Identification Number. The PCB must have been licensed with the Department of Pesticide Registration as a Pest Control Business and registered with our office. Maintenance gardener license is acceptable if they are **only** doing work around buildings, but they are not qualified to do work on parks, cemeteries or golf courses.
6. Pest control done on rights of way: public roadways, street medians and bicycle paths, require that any contracted company must be an agricultural pest control business with a category "C" license for Right of Ways. A maintenance gardener is not qualified for applications on street medians, curbs, or roadways.
7. You will be contacted by your District Biologist for your required annual headquarters/records inspection.

Monthly summary pesticide use reports must be submitted to the Agricultural Commissioner by the 10th of the following month after each month in which you apply pesticides. A negative use report is not required for those months during which no pest control work is performed. Pesticide use reports may now be submitted on-line via www.CalAgPermits.org. You may request username and password by sending an email 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): N-6, Safety Rules for Minimal Exposure Pesticides (Bromoxynil) in Non-Agricultural Settings, and N-8, Safety Rules for Pesticide Handlers in Non-Agricultural Settings. If you have employees handling pesticides, you must **post the new version of N-8** to be in compliance. It is available on the DPR website: www.cdpr.ca.gov/worker-health-and-safety/education-series/

We would love to hear from you. Please visit our department website to complete the online survey at www.smcgov.org/agwm

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