



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE / WEIGHTS & MEASURES

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Date: November 13, 2023
To: Structural Pest Control Businesses
Subject: Annual Registration and Reporting Requirements for 2024

You must register prior to performing any pest control in San Luis Obispo County in 2024.

Registrations for SLO County based businesses are required in person for 2024.

Businesses based outside of SLO County may mail in registrations.

If you require assistance from an inspector, please call the nearest office to schedule an appointment.

Templeton (805) 434-5950

Arroyo Grande (805) 473-7090

San Luis Obispo (805) 781-5910

Registration Requirements:

1. Businesses based in SLO County are required to register in person. Please make an appointment with any of our three offices. Bring the required documents listed below.
2. Businesses based outside of SLO County may register by mail.
 - a. Mail the required documents to the SLO County Agricultural Commissioner:
2156 Sierra Way, Suite A, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
 - b. If registering by mail, a copy of your registration and receipt will be mailed back to you, along with any applicable information regarding regulatory updates.

Required Documents

1. Copy of your Qualifying Manager's pocket ID
2. Copy of your Company Registration Certificate
3. Completed registration form(s)
 - Companies licensed in Branch 1 and Branch 2 and/or 3 must complete both forms.
 - Registration Forms are available with this letter and on our website:
<https://www.slocounty.ca.gov/Departments/Agriculture-Weights-and-Measures.aspx>
Select the "Pesticide Use Enforcement" program and then the "Pesticide Use Registrations" link.

Registration Fees

- Branch 2 and/or Branch 3: \$10
- Branch 1: \$25
- Branch 1 and Branch 2 and/or Branch 3: \$35

Payment Options

- Check (*Checks payable to the Agricultural Commissioner*)
- Mastercard, Visa, Discover, American Express (*in person or call for online payment options*)
- Cash (*In person only*)

Registrations may be amended during the year to add or change:

- 1) Office locations
- 2) Qualifying managers or branch supervisor
- 3) Branch 1 operators and/or field representatives

A \$10 fee will be charged for amendments to Branch 1 operators and/or field representatives. If you have questions about the registration process, please call our San Luis Obispo office at (805) 781-5910 to speak to a PUE inspector.

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Important Reminders:

1. **California Code of Regulations § 6738. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

In addition to all pesticide labeling PPE, the employer is required to **provide** employees who handle pesticides with PPE required by regulation, **ensure that employees are using all required PPE, and using it properly.**

Common PPE violations for employees applying pesticides include:

- Wearing protective eyewear on top of their head or hat
- Using cloth or rubber dipped fabric gloves when chemical resistant gloves are required
- Having access to PPE but choosing not to wear it

2. **3 CCR § 6726. Emergency Medical Care.**

- The employer shall locate a facility in advance, where emergency medical care is available for employees who handle pesticides.
- Employees must be informed of the name and location of a facility where emergency medical care is available, and if the facility is not reasonably accessible from their work location, procedures to be followed to obtain emergency medical care.
- The name, address, and phone number of the medical facility must be posted in a prominent place at the work site **or work vehicle.**
- When there are reasonable grounds to suspect that an employee has a pesticide illness or when an exposure to a pesticide has occurred that might reasonably be expected to lead to an employee's illness, the employer shall ensure that the employee is taken to a physician immediately.

3. **3 CCR § 6602, Labeling Available at Use Site:** A copy of the registered labeling that allows the manner in which the pesticide is being used shall be available at each use site. Digital or physical formats are acceptable, however if an electronic device fails and the digital format cannot be viewed, the user would be in violation of CCR §6602.

4. **Assembly Bill 1322**, titled, "Pesticides: second-generation anticoagulant rodenticide: diphacinone", was approved on 10/13/2023 and amends section 12978.7 of the Food and Agricultural Code. The revised law goes into effect January 1, 2024 and prohibits the use of diphacinone in the state of California in structural settings and many other non-agricultural settings. Since diphacinone has not been cancelled or withdrawn by the US EPA, businesses can continue to store the product. When DPR completes its reevaluation of diphacinone, it is expected that they will issue further restrictions to its use.

For more information: <https://legiscan.com/CA/bill/AB1322/2023>