



COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE / WEIGHTS & MEASURES

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Date: November 15, 2021
To: Structural Pest Control Businesses
Subject: Annual Registration and Reporting Requirements for 2022

You must register prior to performing any pest control in 2022.

DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE MAIL IN YOUR REGISTRATIONS FOR 2022.

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. All companies are asked to register by mail
 - a. Mail the required documents to the San Luis Obispo County Agricultural Commissioner
2156 Sierra Way Suite A, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
2. Required Documents
 - a. Copy of Qualifying Manager's pocket ID
 - b. Copy of your Company Registration Certificate
 - c. 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.
3. Registration Fees
 - a. Branch 2 and/or Branch 3: \$10
 - b. Branch 1: \$25
 - c. 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.

Important Information:

1. **Second Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticide (SGARs) Restrictions:** Assembly Bill 1788 was passed in late September 2020 and signed into law by Governor Newsom, banning the use of SGARs in most situations, effective January 1, 2021 (FAC 12978.7). Frequently Asked Questions are addressed in DPR's letter to County Agricultural Commissioners: <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/county/cacltrs/penfltrs/penf2020/202020.htm>

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2. **California Code of Regulations 6670 & 1983 Removal of Bait Stations:** When a rodenticide bait station is used, the bait station shall be adequately marked with the signal word of the original rodenticide label, the generic name of the pesticide, and the name, address, and telephone number of the structural company. It is illegal to dispose of or leave unattended pesticide equipment that has held a pesticide where they may present a hazard. All rodenticides shall be removed from readily accessible places upon termination of the service. Abandoned bait stations are considered a hazard, and enforcement action can be taken upon the finding of abandoned and/or unsecured stations.
3. **Business and Professions Code Section 8538, Written Notice to Occupant:** written notice must be provided to the owner, owner's agent and the tenant of the premises of which the work is to be done. This notification must contain the following information: the pest to be controlled, pesticides proposed to be used, emergency contact information, and frequency with which the treatment is to be done.
4. **California Code of Regulations 1970.4, Business and Professions Code 8538, multiple unit dwellings, and communication requirements:**

Before an application: Registered structural pest control companies shall provide the owner, or owner's agent and tenants of the premises where work is to be done, with the following information: with notice of the pest to be controlled, the pesticide or pesticides proposed and the active ingredient(s), a state law statement, and the frequency with which treatment is to be done. This information must be posted and visible in highly frequented locations for all external pest control servicing. Individual units must be notified individually for pest control servicing done within a tenant's apartment.

Immediately after an application: A licensee employed by a Branch 2 or Branch 3 registered company shall leave in a conspicuous location a written notice identifying the common, generic or chemical name of each pesticide applied. If a multiple family dwelling consists of more than 4 units, the owner/owner's agent shall receive notification and notification shall be posted in heavily frequented and highly visible areas such as mailboxes, manager's apartment, in all laundry and community rooms on all external pest control servicing. Complexes with fewer than 5 units will have each unit notified. All pest control servicing done within a tenant's apartment require notification to the affected tenant.
5. **California Code of Regulations 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.
6. **Pesticide Use Reporting Requirements:** Once registration is completed, Structural Pest Control Operators must submit monthly use reports each month, by the 10th day of the next month. A Negative Use Report is required for those months during which no pest control work is performed. Contact a member of our staff if you have any questions regarding notification or pesticide use reporting. For those companies registered as both structural pest control operators and agricultural pest control operators you may submit one monthly pesticide use report. Report all pesticides used under both licenses. Complete *column E* on the use report form with *code 10 for structural pesticides* or *code 30 for agricultural pesticides*.
7. **Dual license entities (SPCB/DPR PCB).** If you are using rodenticides for ground squirrel and gopher control, you should be aware you are required to be licensed as a Pest Control Business by Department of Pesticide Regulation. Some rodenticides are labeled dually for home use or agricultural settings. Some strychnine and zinc phosphide products are California restricted materials depending on their use setting, and their use may require possession of a restricted materials permit. Contact a member of our staff if you have questions regarding your use sites and possible permitting requirements.

8. Handler Decontamination Facilities for Danger/Warning Labels in non-agricultural and structural settings.

The following decontamination facilities requirements apply to all non-agricultural and structural settings in which employees are mixing and loading pesticides with a Danger or Warning signal word, including fumigants. The decontamination facilities are not required to be on site during the aeration or certification phases for structural fumigations.

The employer shall assure the following:

- Sufficient water, soap, and single use towels for routine washing of hands and face and for emergency eye flushing and washing of the entire body are available. (The U.S. EPA recommends at least 3 gallons of water be provided for each handler)
- The water must be of a quality and temperature that will not cause illness or injury and be suitable for eye flushing.
- Decontamination facilities must be within 100 feet of the mixing/loading site.
- One clean change of coveralls shall be available at each decontamination site.

Each mix/load site should be evaluated for an existing water source that meets the decontamination requirements. If none exists, the employer is responsible to provide water described above. It is recommended that the water for decontamination be separate from drinking water. A hose bib behind a tarped structure does not meet the requirements since it is not accessible during or after the application of a fumigant or up until the structure has been certified.

Waterless hand cleaners may be substituted for soap, but water must still be provided and used for decontamination. Hand sanitizer products are not acceptable as a substitution for water.

The employer should check decontamination supplies periodically and replenish as necessary.

References (CCR 6734(a), 6734(a)(1), 6734(a)(2), and 6734(c))