

State Pesticide Regulations that became effective July 1, 2002 require certified private applicators to keep records of applications of General and Restricted Use pesticides. These records must be maintained for three (3) years. For more information, contact the Kentucky Department of Agriculture, Division of Pesticide Regulation toll free at (866) 289-0001.

Any record form is acceptable as long as the required data is included. A suggested form is shown on the back of this page.

Required information for the records

A written record must be made within 14 days after the application. The record must include

- the brand name or product name and its EPA registration number.
- the total amount of the product used - not the quantity after water or other substances were added. The amount does not refer to the percent active ingredient.
- the size of the area treated in a unit of measure such as acre, linear foot, bushel, cubic foot, number of animals, etc.
- the crop, commodity, stored product, or site to which the pesticide was applied.
- the location of the application - not the address of the farm or business. The law allows several designations: county, range, township and section, maps or written descriptions, an identification system established by a USDA agency - such as the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) - which involves maps and a numbering system to identify field locations, or the legal property description.
- the month, day, and year of the application.
- the name and certification number of the applicator's supervisor.

Spot applications

Spot treatments are especially useful in the control of noxious weeds. If you apply pesticides on the same day in a total area of less than 1/10 of an acre, you are required to record the following:

- the brand or product name and EPA registration number
- the total amount applied
- location, concise description of location and treatment
- the date of application

Greenhouse and nursery applications are excluded from the spot application provision

Records access

Private certified applicators are required to provide access to restricted use pesticide record information to authorized representatives of USDA and the lead State agency for pesticide record keeping. In addition, licensed health care professionals and people under their direction may have access to pesticide record information if they determine the information is necessary to provide medical treatment or first aid to an individual who may have been exposed to a pesticide for which the record is maintained. While the certified applicator has 14 days to complete the pesticide record, information from the record should be made available immediately following application in cases of medical emergencies.