AGRICULTURAL PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS COMPLIANCE CHECKLIST

All of the elements in this checklist must be addressed to legally operate as a commercial pesticide application business in Wisconsin. A pesticide is any substance used to control or repel a pest or to prevent the damage that pests may cause. Pests can be insects, mice and other animals, unwanted plants (weeds), fungi, or microrganisms like bacteria and viruses.

Agricultural pesticide applications to control pests on agricultural commodities include those affecting:
1. Agricultural field and vegetable crops, or pests on noncrop agricultural lands.
2. The production of agricultural fruit crops, including small fruits, tree fruits and nuts.
3. Agricultural animals such as livestock, poultry or horses, and pests other than birds and rodents in places where animals are confined.
4. Greenhouse or nursery plants.

- [ ] 1. **Commercial Pesticide Application Business License:** Business shall be licensed annually, includes sole proprietors. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.20(1).

- [ ] 2**. Commercial Pesticide Applicator Certification:** Each individual who uses pesticides or who "directs the use" as a supervisor, shall be certified within the appropriate pesticide applicator certification category. Applicators certify in different categories for different types of applications. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.26, 29.8 and 29.31(1)-(16).

- [ ] 3. **Individual Commercial Applicator Licenses:** Each individual who applies pesticides or is "directing the use" of a pesticide as a supervisor shall be licensed annually. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.25(1)**.**

- [ ] 4. **Storage and Transportation of Pesticide [And Fertilizer]:** Store and transport according to state requirements. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.40, 29.45, 29.47 and ATCP 33.

- [ ] 5. **Use and Disposal of Pesticide:** Properly use and dispose of pesticides. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.40, 29.45, 29.47, and ATCP 33.

- [ ] 6. **Advanced Notice for Bees:** Provide specific application information to individuals requesting advance notification of pesticides highly toxic to bees. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.51(1).

- [ ] 7. **Advanced Notice of Aerial Applications:** Provide specific application information to individuals requesting advance notification of aerial applications. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.51(2).

8. **Worker Protection Standard (WPS):** Before a pesticide application is made, provide WPS information to agricultural establishments employing workers, and to your employees performing handler tasks. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.51(5) and 29.61.

9. **Warning Signs at Application Sites:** Post the appropriate warning sign for pesticide applications. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.52.

10. **Atrazine Use Restrictions:** Comply with Wisconsin timing, application rate and location restrictions on the use of pesticides containing atrazine. These limitations are not found on pesticide labels. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 30.

11. **Soil Fumigants:** Use soil fumigants according to the pesticide label directions and the requirements of Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 30.22, ATCP 29.

12. **Post-Application Information:** After making a pesticide application, specific information must be provided to the customer in a timely manner. Wis. Admin. Code ATCP 29.22.

13. **Pesticide Application Records:** Businesses / applicators shall complete records for all pesticide applications, and keep them for two years. Atrazine records must be kept three years. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.21(1), 29.33(1) and ATCP 30.30(5).

14. **Chemigation Systems:** Design and operate agricultural chemigation systems according to specific requirements. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 29.54.

15. **Fertilizer Application, Required Customer Information:** Provide the customer with specific fertilizer application information. Wis. Admin. Code § ATCP 40.08.

16. **Avoid Damaging Sensitive Crops and Areas:** You may choose to search for sensitive crops, beehives and other properties near the application site by using DriftWatch https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Online_Services/DriftWatch.aspx.