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**TO:** PEST CONTROL ADVISOR LICENSEES  
**SUBJECT:** 2025 REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

California Food and Agriculture Code requires annual registration of licensed pest control advisors with the Agricultural Commissioner of each county in which agricultural use pest control recommendations are made.

## Online Registration and Payment Available on Dec. 1

On December 1, 2024, our office will begin accepting licensed pest control advisors (PCA) registrations for the year 2025 through [www.CalAgPermits.com](http://www.CalAgPermits.com). Please login to your CalAgPermits account for San Mateo County to find the registration option on the dashboard. Step-by-step instructions and forms can be found on our website at [www.smcgov.org/agwm](http://www.smcgov.org/agwm). If you need an online account or forgot your password, please contact us at (650) 363-4700 or via email at [SMateoAg@smcgov.org](mailto:SMateoAg@smcgov.org).

Registration fees for 2025 is \$10.00 for resident PCA with their operations and license based in San Mateo County and \$5.00 for out-of-county PCA.

Your license must be current with Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) to register with the local Agricultural Commissioner's office.

Please complete the following steps to register:

1. Log in to your CalAgPermits account. On the dashboard, please select the option, "Registration Required." Complete required information.
2. Complete and upload the following documents:
  - a) A completed and **signed** county registration form
  - b) Copy of current Agricultural Pest Control Advisor License cardDocuments may be scanned or photographed for the upload.
3. Once your registration is submitted, our office will review the application within two business days. Once it is approved, you will receive an e-mail request for online payment.
4. Last Step - Log back into your CalAgPermits account and submit your online payment. **You are not registered until you have paid your annual fee.** Your receipt is your proof of registration. Your CalAgPermits account will show the date you registered with San Mateo County. This year we have an e-check option for payment.

If registering by mail, all registration forms are available on our Department website: [www.smcgov.org/agwm](http://www.smcgov.org/agwm). Please send all registration materials and payment to:

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Be aware that incomplete forms, incorrect information, or the incorrect fee will delay completion of your registration.

Written recommendations should be kept on file for two years and are subject to inspection by Agricultural Commissioner staff. Agricultural operations that hire an Agricultural Pest Control Business (AgPCB) to apply a restricted material need to ensure that the Ag PCB has a copy of a written recommendation.

Reminder: All recommendations need to certify that you have considered alternatives and mitigation measures to reduce any adverse environmental effects.

We would like to hear from you. Please visit our Department website at [www.smcgov.org/aqwm](http://www.smcgov.org/aqwm) to complete a short Customer Survey.

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

If you **do not** intend to perform pest control work in San Mateo County this year, please complete and return this section with the information filled out below and fax it to (650)367-0130 or e-mail it to [smateoag@smcgov.org](mailto:smateoag@smcgov.org). or mail it to:

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I will **not** be working as a Pest Control Advisor in San Mateo County during 2025.

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ (please print)

Contact email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature



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**DATE:** November 7, 2024

**SUBJECT:** First Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides Restricted Use Material Status, Prohibited and Allowed Uses Effective January 1, 2025

### **First Generation Anti-Coagulant Rodenticides: Restricted Use Material Status**

Assembly Bill No. 2552 was passed and signed by the Governor on September 25, 2024, and will go into effect on January 1, 2025. This bill adds first generation anticoagulant rodenticides as restricted materials, specifically products with the active ingredients: diphacinone, chlorophacinone and warfarin to California Food and Agriculture Code (FAC) 12978.7. This code section currently restricts the use of second generation anticoagulant rodenticides with the active ingredients of brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difencoum and difethialone. This update will prohibit most uses, require application by a certified applicator and restrict sales to the end user by a Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) licensed pest control dealer. The first generation anticoagulant rodenticides (diphacinone, chlorophacinone, and warfarin) have not been added in the code as California restricted materials and therefore do not require a restricted material permit.

### **Prohibited Uses**

Effective January 1, 2025, it is unlawful to use first and second generation anticoagulant rodenticides in **residential settings**, and most **industrial** and **institutional** settings, such as restaurants, grocery stores, airports, offices, construction sites, ports and terminal buildings, shipyards, timber yards, schools, shopping malls, sewers, and sewage treatment plants. Many **non-production agricultural** uses, such as cemeteries, golf courses, parks, highways, and railroads, are also prohibited.

Additionally, the definition of “wildlife habitat area” has been expanded to include “any park or wildlife refuge managed by a state agency, regional government, quasi-government agency, or by a special district.” Use of first and second generation anticoagulant rodenticides in a wildlife habitat area is prohibited unless the use meets one of the exemptions as an allowed use.

### **Allowed Uses**

Effective January 1, 2025, first and second generation anticoagulant rodenticides are restricted materials and **must be applied by or under the supervision of a certified applicator**. A certified applicator is someone who has a license with DPR, the Structural Pest Control Board or a Private Applicator Certificate (PAC).

Allowed uses (exceptions to the prohibited uses) include:

- Government agency employees protecting water supply infrastructure and facilities (e.g., wells, surface-water intakes, dams, reservoirs, storage tanks, drinking-water facilities, pipes, and aqueducts).

- Use by a mosquito or vector control district, including use under a contract with a pest control business licensed by the Department or registered with the Structural Pest Control Board.
- For eradication of nonnative invasive species on offshore islands.
- If the Department of Fish and Wildlife determines the use is required to control or eradicate an invasive rodent population for the protection of threatened or endangered species or their habitats.
- To control an actual or potential infestation associated with an urgent, non-routine public health need declared by the State Public Health Officer or a local public health officer.
- At FDA-registered and inspected facilities involved in commercial manufacture, preparation, compounding, etc., of drugs.
- At medical waste generators as defined in Health and Safety Code section 117705, such as the following examples:
  - Medical, dental, and veterinary offices, clinics, hospitals, surgery centers, etc.;
  - Pet shops;
  - Trauma scene waste management practitioners.
- For research funded by DPR to protect the food system and the environment or reevaluation.
- On agricultural sites producing any horticultural, viticultural, aquacultural, forestry, dairy, livestock, poultry, bee, or farm product.
- At a warehouse used to store foods for human or animal consumption.
- At a food manufacturing or processing plant, such as a slaughterhouse or cannery.
- At a factory, brewery, or winery; including restaurants with an attached winery or brewery.
- On-farm water storage and conveyance facilities to protect on-farm water supply systems, facilities, and related infrastructure and this includes on-farm areas such as waterways, irrigation canals, levies, dams, ponds, reservoirs, wells, water tanks, irrigation pumps and pump houses, and drip tape or other irrigation lines outside of farm fields.
- On-farm storage housing rights-of-way and other transportation infrastructure materials to protect on-farm transportation infrastructure. This includes on-farm areas such as driveways (including driveways to barns and houses), farm or ranch roads (such as along farm fields), and bridge or culvert embankments.

**For an allowed use of first and second generation anticoagulant rodenticides**, the product labeling and other applicable pesticide laws and regulations must be followed. In the event of a conflict between labeling requirements, other pesticide laws and regulations, and FAC section 12978.7, the strictest requirement must be followed.

A restricted material permit is **not** required for an allowed use of first generation anticoagulant rodenticides (diphacinone, chlorophacinone and warfarin) under FAC 12978.7 (f) and (g). A restricted material permit **is** required for second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difencoum and difethialone). Please contact your district biologist if you need to amend your operator identification number or restricted material permit.

To dispose of existing first and second generation anticoagulant rodenticides products appropriately, please contact your local hazardous waste disposal program.

If you have questions on this amended regulation, please contact our office at (650) 363-4700.

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**DATE:** November 7, 2024

**SUBJECT:** Restrictions on Neonicotinoid Uses in Non-Agriculture Outdoor Settings  
Effective January 1, 2025

This letter announces a revision to Food and Agricultural Code (FAC) section 12838 by Assembly Bill (AB) 363 (Chapter 836, Statutes of 2023). Effective January 1, 2025, **neonicotinoid pesticide products used for non-agricultural uses on outdoor ornamental plants, trees, or turf can only be sold by licensed dealers and applied by California certified commercial applicators.**

Neonicotinoid pesticides are defined as pesticides containing acetamiprid, clothianidin, dinotefuran, imidacloprid, thiamethoxam, or any other chemical designated by the department as belonging to the neonicotinoid class of chemicals.

A California certified commercial applicator is one who has a valid Qualified Applicator License (QAL), Qualified Applicator Certificate (QAC) except subcategory Q (Maintenance Gardener Pest Control), Structural Pest Control Operator or Field Representative license, or Vector Control Technician. **Neonicotinoids used in non-agricultural settings cannot be applied by employees unless properly certified**, even if under the supervision of a certified commercial applicator.

Non-agricultural use sites include home use, industrial or institutional use, structural use, and vector control use. Examples of outdoor, non-agricultural use sites that would fall under these restrictions include:

- Outdoor applications to ornamental nursery stock at a retail nursery.
- Outdoor applications to ornamental plants in a non-agricultural use setting, such as landscaping around homes and other residences, schools, libraries, airports, and businesses.
- Outdoor applications to all trees in non-agricultural use settings, including “nonproduction” fruit and nut trees around homes and residences.
- Outdoor applications to turf in non-agricultural use settings.

Pesticide use on parks or recreation areas, greenbelts, golf courses, cemeteries and along rights-of way are considered “Agricultural use” and are unaffected by this change.

To dispose of existing neonicotinoid products appropriately, please contact your local hazardous waste disposal program.

If you have questions on this amended regulation, please contact our office at (650) 363-4700.