

## REMINDER: Farms in Proximity to Schools & Daycares Required to Submit Annual Pesticide Notification by April 30

Operators of farms located within ¼ mile of public K-12 schools and licensed child daycare facilities must submit notification by April 30, 2018, for anticipated pesticide use for the coming year. The California Department of Pesticide Regulations (CDPR) recommends that growers use Cal Ag Permits to fulfill notification requirements.

Key notification requirements are as follows:

- Growers are responsible providing notification to the:
  - Principal of schools
  - Administrator of day-care facilities
  - County agricultural commissioner (CAC)
- Notification must include the following:
  - Summary of regulation and required statements
  - Map showing location of field(s) and schoolsite
  - Grower and CAC contact information
  - National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) website: <http://npic.orst.edu/>
  - List of pesticides expected to be used July through June
    - Pesticides not on list must be added at least 48 hours prior to use
  - Option for 3-party agreement

The California Department of Pesticide Regulations (CDPR) recommends that growers use Cal Ag Permits to fulfill notification requirements. Via Cal Ag Permits, growers can:

- Determine if they are located within a ¼ mile from a public K-12 schools and licensed child daycare facility,
- Develop their notification letter, and
- Submit their notification to both the schoolsite and the County Ag Commissioner.

To view instructions for Cal Ag Permits, please visit: <http://link.calstrawberry.com/CalAgPermits>

For additional information on, the new DPR rules, please visit: <http://link.calstrawberry.com/addre2b6fb>

Background: In 2017, CDPR finalized regulations to restrict agricultural pesticide use in proximity to public K-12 schools and licensed child daycare facilities. Since January 2018, growers have been required to comply with pesticide application restrictions in proximity to schools and daycare facilities. A summary of the restrictions is available here: <http://link.calstrawberry.com/1e845>

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