

Ohio State Offers Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification



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Pesticide applicators can earn recertification credits to renew their pesticide licenses during any of a series of conferences offered by Ohio State University's College of Food, Agricultural and Environmental Sciences and the Ohio Department of Agriculture beginning in January 2015.

The 2015 Ohio Commercial Pesticide Applicator Recertification conferences are designed to help applicators fulfill Ohio's commercial applicator requirement of five hours of training in a single day, said Mary Ann Rose, program director for Ohio State University Extension's Ohio Pesticide Safety Education Program. Recertification credits are available in all of Ohio's commercial applicator categories.

The conference dates are:

- Jan. 22 at the Kalahari Conference Center, Sandusky.
- Jan. 29 at the Dayton Convention Center, Dayton.
- Feb. 18 at the John S. Knight Center, Akron.
- March 11 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus.

The conferences will cover a variety of topics, including turfgrass management, structural pest control, ornamental care, industrial vegetation control, pest control strategies and agricultural pest management, she said.

To become licensed, a pesticide applicator must pass exams that test their competency in pesticide application. To renew a license, applicators must be recertified through continuing education or retest.