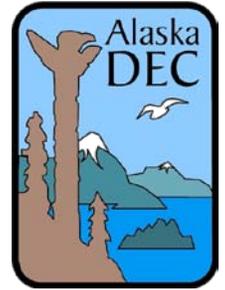




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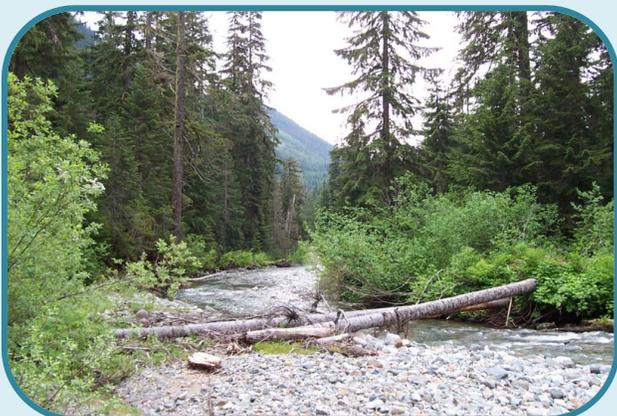
Applying Pesticides to Water

As always, a state Pesticide Use Permit is required before applying any kind of pesticide to surface water.

NEW federal requirements now also apply; a federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit is now required before a pesticide can be applied to water.

Remember - surface water includes ANY type of outdoor water body, whether man-made or natural, permanent or temporary. It also includes wetlands and swamps.

Contact the DEC Pesticide Program at 376-1870 for more information about permitting requirements.



Don't Forget!

Always read and understand the label before using a pesticide no matter how many times you have used the product before. Labels change, products change, and memory fades.



Where to Find It

The DEC website has all kinds of information about certification and licensing, including:

- Links to on-line Continuing Education Units (CEUs)
- Descriptions of certified applicator categories
- Links to study materials for certified applicator exams
- Information about how to get re-certified



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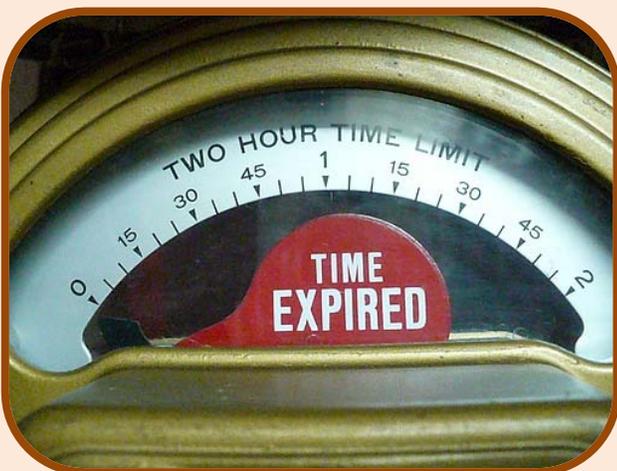
PPE Shelf Life

Did you know that your Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) can wear out or go bad, even if you've never used it?

Items like gloves, aprons, Tyvek suits, and boots or shoe covers can get brittle or porous. Once PPE has gotten too old, it can't protect you from chemicals anymore.

It's a good idea to write the purchase date on PPE when you get it so you will know how old it is. Many products already have an expiration date printed right on the package.

Why not go check your PPE supplies now to make sure they are still in good condition and ready for use this season?



Applicators Must Be Certified AND Licensed



Commercial applicators must be both certified AND licensed to legally apply pesticides to someone else's property.

You become **certified** when you either pass the certified applicator examination or take the required Continuing Education Units for recertification. Certification begins on the date the certification card is issued, and may be valid for one, two, or three years depending on your test score.

In addition to getting your certification, you must also pay the **licensing fee** EACH year. Licenses apply to each calendar year, beginning on January first. Even if your certification is still valid, you may **NOT** apply pesticides commercially until you have your yearly License!

If you did not receive a license invoice this year, or if you need to check your license status, please contact the DEC Pesticide Program.

Quiz

Which Mattress Photo Shows Evidence of Bedbug Activity?

The picture with the glove in it shows evidence of bedbug activity. Look for small dark fecal specks and shed off casings or skins that look like small brown sesame seeds in the cracks or seams of the mattress. Photo number one shows mold, Photo number three shows a stain of unknown origin.



Check our website for lots more information on bed bugs.
www.dec.state.ak.us/eh/pest/index.htm