

Stanislaus County Agricultural Commissioner's Office website FAQs

QUESTION: What does your department do?

ANSWER: (see [Department Brochure](#))

QUESTION: Can I submit Notice of Intents (NOIs) and Pesticide Use Reports (PURS) online?

ANSWER: Yes, contact our office to obtain your user name and password, and then follow the website link.

QUESTION: Where and how can I dispose of empty agricultural pesticide containers?

ANSWER: Emptied, triple-rinsed, and clean containers may be certified by our office for disposal at the Fink Road landfill. Container recycling events are held during the year for the collection of HDPE #2 triple-rinsed containers (see [current schedule](#)).

QUESTION: I have a pest problem. Will you come to my property to take care of it?

ANSWER: We do not perform pest control. For insect, bird, and rodent problems you should look under "pest control" in your local telephone directory to find a business specializing in the type of pest control you need. For wildlife problems (raccoons, skunks, etc.) we can direct you to the wildlife trapper at (209) 847-2482.

QUESTION: Can you tell me what pesticides I should use on my crop?

ANSWER: We do not make pest control recommendations. For agricultural pests, you should locate a licensed pest control adviser or contact the University of California Cooperative Extension farm advisers at (209) 525-6800.

QUESTION: Do I need a permit to spray pesticides on my crop?

ANSWER: Yes, prior to the purchase and use of pesticides for the production of an agricultural commodity, the property operator is required to obtain an operator identification number from the county agricultural commissioner. If the pesticides to be used are California Restricted Materials, a restricted materials permit would need to be obtained and certification requirements would also apply.

QUESTION: Do I need to take a test to use restricted pesticides?

ANSWER: Yes, if you intend to possess and use federally and/or state restricted materials, proper licensing and certification is required. The type of licensing required depends on your particular use setting. Private applicator certification is offered through the county agricultural commissioner's office for individuals who use or supervise the use of pesticides for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity on property owned, leased, or rented by him/her or his/her employee.

QUESTION: Where can I look to see if an individual or company has an agricultural license?

ANSWER: For agricultural licenses go to: www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/license/currlic.htm

For structural pest control licenses go to: www.pestboard.ca.gov/license.shtml

For farm labor contractors go to: www.dir.ca.gov/databases/dlse/lr/farmlic.html