

EPA Worker Protection Standard (WPS) Train-the-Trainer training

This is a free certificate training program that will teach you how to comply with the EPA Worker Protection Standard (WPS) regulations and implement WPS training on your farm. You must comply with the EPA WPS if all three of the following apply:

- You own or manage an agricultural establishment (i.e., farm, orchards, nurseries, greenhouses, etc.)
- Your work is directly related to producing agricultural plants
- WPS-labeled pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides, miticides, etc.) have been applied on your establishment within the last 30 days. WPS-labeled pesticides may be restricted-use pesticides or general-use pesticides. Look for the “**Agricultural Use Requirements**” box on the pesticide label

Example of WPS-labeled pesticide product statement

AGRICULTURAL USE REQUIREMENTS

Use this product only in accordance with its labeling and with the Worker Protection Standard 40 CFR part 170. This Standard contains requirements for the protection of agricultural workers on farms, nurseries, and greenhouses and handlers of agricultural pesticides. It contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific instructions and exceptions pertaining to the statements on this label about personal protective equipment (PPE) and restricted-entry interval. The requirements in this box only apply to uses of this product that are covered by the Worker Protection Standard.

Do not enter or allow workers to enter treated areas during the restricted-entry interval (REI) of 12 hours.

PPE required for early entry to treated areas that is permitted under the Worker Protection Standard and that involves contact with anything that has been treated such as plants, soil, or water is:

- Coveralls,
- Chemical resistant gloves made of any waterproof material,
- Shoes plus socks and
- Protective eyewear.

Special Eye Irritation Provisions: Chlorothalonil in this product is a severe eye irritant. Although the restricted entry interval expires after 12 hours for the next 6.5 days entry is permitted only when the following safety measures are provided:

1. At least one container designed specifically for flushing eyes must be available in operating condition at the WPS required decontamination site intended for workers entering the treated area.
2. Workers must be informed, in a manner they can understand:
 - that residues in the treated area may be highly irritating to their eyes
 - that they should take precautions such as refraining from rubbing their eyes to keep the residues out of their eyes
 - that if they do get residues in their eyes they should immediately flush their eyes using the eyeflush container that is located at the decontamination site or using other readily available clean water
 - how to operate the eyeflush container

This training will be held at the **2024 Great Plains Growers Conference** on January 11, 2024, from 10a-5p.

For more information and registration visit:

<https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/foodsafety/produce/index.html>

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