

PEST MANAGEMENT DIVISION



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WHAT TO EXPECT

WHEN YOUR EXPECTING (OR NOT
EXPECTING)

AN USE INSPECTION

USE INSPECTION - PURPOSE

Use Inspections are conducted to determine if pesticides are applied, stored, or disposed of in accordance with label instructions



THREE TYPES

- **Routine** (i.e. scheduled) – You know the Inspector will be there
- **Random** (i.e. unscheduled) – You didn't know the Inspector was coming
- **For-Cause** – Conducted after the fact, generally in response to allegations of pesticide “misuse”
- They are all conducted in the same manner, except the Inspector does not actually observe the application in the “For-Cause” scenario, but rather bases the inspection on the treatment record, physical evidence *maybe*, such as sample results, and the information you provide about the treatment.



BE PREPARED TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING

- Either container label or specimen label that matches container label
- Answers to the Inspector's questions regarding, mix rate, application rate, treatment site, target pest
- List of equipment used (tank size, pump type, etc.)
- Samples (maybe)
 - Dilution (from application device)
 - Formulation (concentrate from container)



THE USE INSPECTION FORM

- The Inspector will record the following:
 - Site address/location and owner name
 - Business and Applicator information (name, address, certification number and categories)
 - Type of property (residential, commercial, etc.)
 - Weather (temp, wind speed, direction)
 - Specific location treated (interior, exterior, cracks and crevices in Kitchen, etc.)
 - Target Pest
 - Product Name/EPA Reg. Number
 - Description of equipment
 - Method of Application
 - Dilution/mix rate (normally through questioning of the applicator)
 - Application rate (e.g. gallons per square feet)
 - Sample information (number, type, etc.) if applicable



THE USE INSPECTION FORM

- The Inspector will review the label and answer
 - Is the target pest listed?
 - Is the application site listed (important)?
 - Was the product mixed correctly (dilution)?
 - Was the amount applied appropriate for size of the treatment area (rate)?
 - Did the applicator wear required Personal Protective Equipment?
 - Is the applicator licensed?
 - Was the applicator under “direct” or “immediate” supervision (if applicable)?
 - Were pesticides stored/disposed of properly?
 - Was dispensing equipment calibrated (generally not applicable)



KEEP IN MIND

- If you're expecting the Inspector, familiarize yourself with the label and wait until you and the Inspector discuss it and the application before proceeding.
- If you have questions, **ASK!** It's better to talk to the Inspector before the application than after, when he or she is marking "NO" on the form.
- Remember, the PMD is here to help and to educate. Our goal is to make sure pesticides are applied according to label instructions. Besides, it's a lot less paperwork.



**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, CONTACT THE
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