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TO: Pest Control Businesses Working in Marin County
FROM: Marin County Department of Agriculture
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RE: **2026 Bulletin for Pest Control Businesses Working in Marin County**

The Marin County Department of Agriculture would like to remind you that all county registrations expire on December 31, 2025. All pest control businesses, advisors, pilots, and farm labor contractors that perform work in Marin County must register with our office prior to operating in 2026.

All MARIN-BASED businesses (i.e., headquartered in Marin) must register in person. Please call (415) 473-6700 to schedule an appointment.

All out-of-county businesses can register online, via mail, or in person.

Registration forms are available online at:

<https://www.marincounty.gov/departments/awm/agriculture/pesticide-enforcement>

Registration fees are as follows:

- Agricultural Pest Control Business (PCB): \$96
- Maintenance Gardener PCB: \$25
- Farm Labor Contractor: \$39
- Structural Branch 1 PCB: \$25
- Structural Branch 2 or 3 PCB: \$10
- Pest Control Advisor (Home County Marin): \$10
- Pest Control Advisor (Out of County): \$5

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LATEST NEWS & INFORMATION

Revised Pesticide Safety Information Series Leaflets

The Department of Pesticide Regulation (DPR) has revised the Pesticide Safety Information Series (PSIS) leaflets to enhance clarity and reflect recent changes to the Pesticide Worker Safety regulations. The PSIS leaflets are available at DPR's Education Series page: <https://www.cdpr.ca.gov/worker-health-and-safety/education-series/>

Employers must display a copy of a completed written Hazard Communication Information for Employees Handling Pesticides (either PSIS leaflet A-8 or N-8) at a central location in the workplace (per [3 CCR 6723](#)). The PSIS leaflets, containing the 2025 revision date, are the correct and current version. Please discard all copies of previous leaflets.

Rodenticide Restrictions: First-generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides

As of January 1, 2025, most uses of first-generation and second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (FGARs and SGARs) are prohibited. If you have any of the following rodenticides in storage or work vehicles, please read [Food and Agricultural Code section 12978.7](#) and familiarize yourself with the restrictions:

- FGARs (diphacinone, chlorphacinone, warfarin);
- SGARs (brodifacoum, bromadiolone, difenacoum, difethialone).

The new law provides that persons who sell or use FGARs or SGARs in violation of FAC section 12978.7 can face a civil penalty of up to \$25,000 per day in addition to any other penalty established by law. Our office will investigate pest control businesses with bait boxes unclearly labeled or labeled to contain FGARs or SGARs to determine compliance with the law. We will also be performing a year-end review of monthly summary pesticide use reports submitted in 2025 to determine whether FGARs or SGARs have been applied and following up with inspections to assess compliance. Please contact us if you have any questions about this.

If you have unused or partially used rodenticides containing the active ingredients above, take them to your local Hazardous Waste site for proper disposal.

Rodenticide Bait Boxes: Labeling and Maintenance

Labeling Requirements

Our office continues to receive rodent bait box complaints. It seems many in the public are aware of bait boxes, and we've received several complaints about bait boxes with questions specifically about labeling. Some of the bait boxes we discovered did not have any labels on them. Some have labels that list several possible baits inside but were so weather-beaten that it was difficult to tell what material was inside the box. In another case, there was no label because there was a snap trap inside the "bait" box, which caused confusion to the public who expected to see a label on the bait box.

State law requires that bait stations be marked with the name of the pesticide, signal word, and the name, address, and telephone number of the structural pest control business ([16CCR section 1983\(i\)](#)). It's important to talk to your technicians and make them aware to always check the bait box label at your customer sites. Make sure the boxes are properly and accurately labeled at each servicing, and re-mark them if they become illegible!

Abandoned Rodenticide Bait Boxes

Our office has also received several complaints about abandoned bait boxes. On one occasion, we found multiple abandoned bait boxes, some of which still contained rodenticides. In this case, another pest control business was placing their boxes right next to a competitor's old bait boxes that were left at the service location after the competitor pest control business' contract was terminated.

State law requires that all rodenticides must be removed upon termination of a service (per [16 CCR 1983\(f\)](#)). Not doing so is a violation, even if a business has communicated to their old client that they can keep the bait boxes; the business must still visit the site to remove any rodenticides they have placed.

Pesticide Notification Requirements

The *most common* pesticide complaint our office receives is lack of proper notification to tenants prior to pesticide applications. All pest control businesses must provide notice of pesticide applications *prior to the pesticide application*.

Regular and effective communication with property operators (property management firms) and tenants is essential. Know who your contacts are and arrange your notification process in advance.

Structural Pest Control Businesses are required to give *both* the property operator and tenants written notice of pesticide applications prior to the application. The information and statements required to be in this written notice can be found in [Business and Professions Code section 8538](#).

Every year the Marin County Department of Agriculture investigates multiple complaints where tenants did not receive notice of pesticide applications from the structural pest

control business performing the application. In these cases, the structural pest control business provided written notice of pesticides that were going to be applied to the property operator but did not provide that notice of pesticide application to the tenants whose apartments were being treated.

In addition to giving notice before the application, structural pest control businesses (Branch 2 or 3) are also required to leave written notice after the application. The notice must identify the name of each pesticide applied, the date of service, and the businesses' name, address, and telephone number. More information on post-application notice requirements can be found in [16 CCR section 1970.42](#).

Agricultural Pest Control Businesses and Maintenance Gardeners are required to give the operator of the property notice of the pesticide application (date of application, name of the pesticide, and any precautionary statements). Notice can be given orally or in writing, but we suggest you put the notice in writing, so you will have documentation that notice was given. The property operator is then responsible for making sure that notice is given to tenants or other people that may pass through the treated property. We suggest you remind your clients of their obligation to forward pesticide information to their tenants (see [3CCR section 6618\(b\)](#)).

Pesticide Use Reports and Statewide Accounts

NEW IN 2025! CalAgPermits has introduced Statewide Accounts, a new feature designed to make it easier for businesses to interact with CalAgPermits. Instead of maintaining county-specific logins, you can now use a single statewide login to access CalAgPermits in all registered counties from a single account. For info on how to set up your statewide login, visit: https://www.calagpermits.org/Documentation/SSO_PublicWebuser.pdf

Lastly, we strongly encourage all pest control businesses to submit pesticide use reports electronically through CalAgPermits. If you don't have a CalAgPermits account, please e-mail us at marin.dept.ag@marincounty.gov or contact our office at (415) 473-6700 to set one up!

If you have questions on these subjects or anything else pesticide-related, please contact the Marin County Department of Agriculture at (415) 473-6700.