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OISC Pesticide Priorities for Lawn and Landscape Operators

1. Supervise unlicensed applicators and registered technicians. Remember non-licensed/non-registered applicators require on-site supervision by a certified applicator. On-site supervision means the physical presence of the supervising certified applicator at the worksite under circumstances that permit continuous direct voice contact with the non-certified individual. Registered technicians don't require on-site supervision, but must have
 - a. a site assessment fact sheet or site specific instructions,
 - b. a label for each pesticide product used that day,
 - c. voice communication with their certified applicator and
 - d. required personal protective equipment and instructions on its proper use.
2. Operate within your license. Determine the type(s) of pesticide application(s) that your company is making or plans to make and then insure that you have personnel certified and licensed in the appropriate category. For specific information on pesticide application categories go to www.purdue.edu/pesticide/categories.html .
3. Review the language on pesticide labels carefully. It may be difficult to comply with the requirements listed on some pesticide labels. Examples of these requirements include wind speed limitations, increased personal protective equipment and/or the limitation of the pesticide application to specific sites.
4. Use side shields to keep granular pesticides and fertilizers off of non turf areas such as sidewalks, driveways, walks and curbs. Remove any excess product from these areas with brooms and blowers. There may even be local regulations that require you to do this.
5. Mark pesticide service containers with the following:
 - a. Complete brand name
 - b. EPA Reg.#
 - c. Active ingredient(s)
 - d. Percent of active ingredients

In addition, the applicator must have an entire label in his possession. A service container is a vessel other than the original container that is used to transport a diluted or undiluted pesticide from the applicator's storage site to an application site.