

# 2012

## OISC 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. label mandated PPE and instructions on its proper use.
2. Provide applicator employees with the label mandated Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Have a policy in place that provides escalating penalties for failure to use correct PPE. Know that many common turf herbicides require the applicator to wear a long sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes, socks, chemical resistant gloves and eye protection. Riding on application equipment does NOT lessen the PPE requirements unless specifically stated on the label.
3. Use side shields to keep granular pesticides and fertilizers off of non turf areas such as sidewalks, driveways, walks and curbs. After application remove any excess product from non turf areas with brooms or blowers. Stay informed of the phosphorus and water quality issues facing the lawn and landscape industry.
4. Keep your pesticide applications NPDES legal in Indiana by
  - a. maintaining your certification and license,
  - b. following the label and all state pesticide laws and rules,
  - c. reporting spills and possible adverse effects to IDEM and
  - d. allowing inspection by OISC and IDEM.
5. If you applied Imprelis in 2010 or 2011,
  - a. immediately return any unused portions to your supplier,
  - b. continue to monitor vegetation at the application sites for injury and
  - c. periodically check the OISC website for Imprelis updates.
6. Go to the OISC pesticide webpage and click on *Pesticide Use at Schools*. Become familiar with the new requirements for notification, application and record keeping when pesticides are applied at schools.

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