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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](http://www.purdue.edu/pesticide/categories.html).
3. Follow through with licensing after new employees take core or category exams. Many companies forget to submit a license application and fee to the OISC after new employees pass exams.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Go to the OISC pesticide webpage and click on *Pesticide Use at Schools*. Become familiar with the requirements for notification, application and record keeping when pesticides are applied at schools.

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