

### **Regional Pesticide Education Trainings offered across Montana.**

Cecil Tharp (MSU Pesticide Education Specialist)



*(Photo by Cecil Tharp, 2010)*

The Montana State University Pesticide Education Program is coordinating regional initial pesticide training programs across Montana. These six hour training opportunities are designed for homeowners desiring to learn more about pesticides as well as individuals desiring a private applicator license. A private applicator license allows individuals to apply restricted use pesticides on land they own, rent or lease. Training opportunities are available in Kalispell on March 26<sup>th</sup>, Bozeman on March 4<sup>th</sup>, Billings on February 25<sup>th</sup> and Miles City on February 24<sup>th</sup>.

Each program will cover many subject areas of interest including integrated pest management, pesticides movement in the environment, pesticide safety and toxicity, pesticide law, calibrating ground spray equipment, understanding the private applicator license, reading and understanding the pesticide product label. Montana State University state specialists speaking at the tour include Dr. Jane Mangold (MSU Rangeland Weed Specialist) at Kalispell and Bozeman; Dr. Kevin Wanner (MSU Cropland Insect Specialist) at Billings and Miles City; and Cecil Tharp (MSU Pesticide Education Specialist) at all locations. Surrounding MSU Extension county agents and Montana Department of Agriculture district officers will also be assisting with many of the presentations.

### **Cost and Private Applicator Credit Opportunities**

The cost is \$10 for current private applicators opting to attend only the morning or afternoon sessions for 3 private pesticide recertification credits; or both sessions for 6 credits. Homeowners may attend for \$10 if they don't desire a private applicator license; however they will qualify for a pesticide license by attending the event. The cost for all individuals desiring to qualify for a private applicator license is \$25 for the mandatory pesticide education training manuals. A catered lunch will be available for all attendees however pre-registration is mandatory.

**When pre-registering please be prepared to indicate if you're attending as a current private applicator, attendee not desiring a license/credits or an attendee desiring a private applicator license:**

### **February 24<sup>th</sup> - Miles City**

Miles City Community College, Room 106. To pre-register contact Dara Palmer (406-994-2120; [dara.palmer@montana.edu](mailto:dara.palmer@montana.edu)). For more information contact Cecil Tharp (406-994-5067; [ctharp@montana.edu](mailto:ctharp@montana.edu)). \$10 fee at door; \$25 for new private applicators. Cost includes a catered lunch.

### **February 25<sup>th</sup> – Billings**

Bighorn Resort, 1801 Majestic Lane. Contact Leslie Idstrom (406-256-2828; [yellowstone1@montana.edu](mailto:yellowstone1@montana.edu)). Contact Cecil Tharp for more information regarding the event at (406)994-5067 or email at [ctharp@montana.edu](mailto:ctharp@montana.edu). \$10 fee at door; \$25 for new private applicators. Cost includes a catered lunch.

### **March 4<sup>th</sup> - Bozeman**

Bozeman Public Library, Large Conference Room, 626 East Main Street. To pre-register contact Emily Lockard (Gallatin County Extension; 406-388-3213) or for more information contact Cecil Tharp (406-994-5067; [ctharp@montana.edu](mailto:ctharp@montana.edu)). \$10 fee at door; \$25 for new private applicators. Cost includes a catered lunch.

### **March 26<sup>th</sup> - Kalispell**

Health Department Building, Earl Bennett Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room, 1035 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue West. To pre-register contact Dara Palmer at (406)994-2120 or email at [dara.palmer@montana.edu](mailto:dara.palmer@montana.edu). For more information contact Cecil Tharp (406-994-5067; [ctharp@montana.edu](mailto:ctharp@montana.edu)). \$10 fee at door; \$25 for new private applicators. Cost includes a catered lunch.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:** See each detailed program agenda online at [www.pesticides.montana.edu](http://www.pesticides.montana.edu) and select the location of interest. Contact your local Extension agent or Cecil Tharp (406-994-5067; [ctharp@montana.edu](mailto:ctharp@montana.edu)) for more information.