

Regional Pesticide Education Trainings offered across Montana in 2017.

Cecil Tharp (MSU Pesticide Education Specialist)



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The Montana State University Pesticide Education Program is coordinating regional initial pesticide training programs across Montana. These six hour training opportunities are designed for individuals desiring to learn more about pesticides as well as individuals desiring a private pesticide applicator license. A private pesticide applicator license allows individuals to apply restricted use pesticides on land they own, rent or lease. Training opportunities are available in Kalispell on March 7th, Harlowton on March 9th and Lame Deer on March 29th. Interested individuals can obtain more information and register for these events at the following website:

<http://www.pesticides.montana.edu/pat/education/initial-PAT.html>.

Each program will cover many subject areas of interest including integrated pest management, pesticide 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. Kevin Wanner (MSU Cropland Insect Specialist); Kima Caddell, Eric Clanton and Theresa Schrum (MDA District Officers); Amy Bowser (MSU Pesticide Education Technician) and Cecil Tharp (MSU Pesticide Education Specialist). Surrounding MSU Extension county and reservation agents will also be assisting with many of the presentations.

Cost and Private Applicator Credit Opportunities

The registration fee varies by location with Lame Deer (free), Harlowton (\$20) and Kalispell (\$25). This fee covers necessary manuals and a catered lunch. Private applicators may attend the morning or afternoon sessions for 3 private pesticide recertification credits; or both sessions for 6 credits. Attendees will qualify for a private applicator pesticide license by attending the entire event. Once qualified, individuals may send in a new applicator permit with license payment to the Montana Department of Agriculture to attain their Montana private applicator license. Attendees are strongly urged to pre-register as space is limited.

See initial pesticide training details below:

March 7th - Kalispell

Flathead County Building, 40 11th Street. Agenda is available online at http://www.pesticides.montana.edu/documents/pat/agendas/InitialPAT_Kalispell2017.pdf. To register contact Amy Bowser (406-994-5178; amy.bowser@montana.edu) or register online at www.pesticides.montana.edu/pat/education/initial-PAT.html under the Kalispell initial training. For more information contact Amy Bowser (406-994-5178; amy.bowser@montana.edu). \$25 registration fee. Cost includes a catered lunch and pesticide manuals.

March 9th – Harlowton

Kiwanis Youth Center. 204 3rd Street Northeast. Agenda is available online at http://www.pesticides.montana.edu/documents/pat/agendas/InitialPAT_Harlowton2017.pdf. To register contact Amy Bowser (406-994-5178; amy.bowser@montana.edu) or register online at www.pesticides.montana.edu/pat/education/initial-PAT.html under the Harlowton initial training. For more information contact Amy Bowser (406-994-5178; amy.bowser@montana.edu). \$20 registration fee. Cost includes a catered lunch and pesticide manuals.

March 29th – Lame Deer

Charging Horse Casino. ½ Mile East on US 212. Agenda is available online at http://www.pesticides.montana.edu/documents/pat/agendas/InitialPAT_LameDeer2017.pdf. To register contact Amy Bowser (406-994-5178; amy.bowser@montana.edu) or register online at www.pesticides.montana.edu/pat/education/initial-PAT.html under the Lame Deer initial training. For more information contact Amy Bowser (406-994-5178; amy.bowser@montana.edu). \$20 registration fee. Cost includes a catered lunch and pesticide manuals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: See each detailed program agenda online at www.pesticides.montana.edu/pat/education/initial-PAT.html and select the location of interest. Contact your local Extension agent or Amy Bowser (406-994-5178; amy.bowser@montana.edu) for more information.