

Virginia Pesticide Applicator Training Manuals

Virginia Cooperative Extension



Virginia pesticide applicator training manuals are approved by the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Office of Pesticide Services, to train applicators seeking certification to apply all pesticides as a commercial applicator, registered technician, or private applicator under authority of the Virginia Pesticide Control Act. Before taking any certification exam, you should study the manual appropriate for that category.

Go to the VTPP website (<http://www.vtpp.org>) for current prices and publication dates.

Manual List

Core Manual – Applying Pesticides Correctly

Pub. 456-210. For exam preparation for commercial applicators (for-hire and not-for-hire core exam) except 5B, private applicators (farmers and others using restricted-use pesticides on their own or leased agricultural lands), and registered technicians in all categories.

1A - Agricultural Pest Control - Plant

Pub. 456-214. For commercial applicators using pesticides in the production of agricultural crops, on grasslands, and noncrop agricultural land.

1B - Agricultural Pest Control - Animal

Pub. 456-215. For commercial applicators using pesticides on agricultural animals, and places on or in which such animals are confined, for control of pests directly affecting such animals.

1C - Fumigation of Soil & Agricultural Products

Pub. 456-212. For commercial applicators using pesticides for soil fumigation in the production of agricultural commodities and/or fumigation of agricultural products.

1D - Agricultural Chemigation

Pub. 456-213. For commercial applicators applying pesticides through an irrigation system.

2 - Forest Pest Control

Pub. 456-216. For commercial applicators using pesticides in forests, forest nurseries, and seed orchards.

3A - Ornamental Pest Control

Pub. 456-223. For commercial applicators using pesticides to maintain ornamental plants -- trees, shrubs, and herbaceous foliage or flowering plants (other than ornamental turf) in landscapes (interiorscapes or landscapes).

3B - Turf Pest Control

Pub. 456-217. For commercial applicators using pesticides to maintain ornamental turf in sites such as on golf courses, residential lawns, parks, and cemeteries.

4 - Seed Treatment

Pub. 456-218. For commercial applicators applying pesticides to seeds.

5A - Aquatic Pest Control

Pub. 456-219. For commercial applicators using pesticides in or on standing or running waters for the express purpose of controlling pests, excluding those applicators engaged in activities relating to public health.

5B - Marine Antifoulant Paints

Pub. 456-231. For commercial applicators using marine antifoulant paints containing tributyltin or other restricted-use pesticides. Persons wishing to become certified in this subcategory are exempt from the core examination for commercial applicators.

6 - Right-of-Way Pest Control

Pub. 456-220. For commercial applicators using pesticides in the maintenance of public rights-of-way such as roads, electric power lines, telephone lines, pipelines, and railways; and in the maintenance of fence lines, structural perimeters, and other similar areas.

7A - General Pest Control (including food processing)

Pub. 456-221. For commercial applicators using pesticides to control household pests, including pests that infest structures, stored products, and residential food preparation areas, and pests that infest or contaminate food at any stage of processing in food processing facilities. This includes treatment of food processing areas and control of vertebrate structural invaders. This category does not include control of wood-destroying pests or the use of fumigants.

7B – Mgmt. of Wood-Destroying Organisms

Pub. 456-222. For commercial applicators using pesticides other than fumigants to control organisms that destroy structures made of or containing wood. (Includes a 2pp ID chart.)

7C - Fumigation (Nonagricultural)

Pub. 456-224. For commercial applicators using fumigant pesticides to control pests in structures and items other than soils and raw agricultural commodities.

7D - Vertebrate P.C. (excluding structural invaders)

Pub. 456-232. For commercial applicators using pesticides to control vertebrate pests outside of human dwellings or other structures.

7E - Sewer Root Control

Pub. 456-229. For commercial applicators using pesticides, including those containing metam-sodium (a restricted-use pesticide), to control roots in sewer lines.

8 - Public Health Pest Control

Pub. 456-225. For commercial applicators using pesticides to manage or control pests of medical significance that pose a risk to public health. Federal, state, and local employees involved in public health pest control are included in this category.

9 - Regulatory Pest Control

Pub. 456-226. For federal, state, and local governmental employees using pesticides to control regulated pests.

10 - Demonstration & Research Pest Control

Pub. 456-227. For commercial applicators, including federal, state, and local government employees, who teach proper pesticide use, application techniques, and/or make pesticide recommendations; for research application of pesticides in greenhouses or field plots. (Includes a 44pp booklet.)

11 - Aerial Pesticide Application

Pub. 456-233. For commercial applicators applying pesticides by fixed-wing or rotary-wing aircraft.

12 - Wood Preservation & Products Treatment

Pub. 456-228. For commercial applicators using pesticides at wood treatment plants and sawmills for preservation of wood and wood products.

Predator Management

Pub. 456-230. For USDA/APHIS/WS employees seeking certification, or for background information on predator management for others.

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