

Applicators License and Use Categories

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Do you have the right licenses to apply pesticides at your golf course?

Use Categories

Since 2002, only licensed pesticide applicators can apply General Use (GU) or Restricted Use Pesticides (RUP) to grounds, water or golf course structures.

Licenses

- ✔ **Commercial Applicators License:** Required for pesticide applicators that charge for their service or are for hire.
- ✔ **Non-Commercial Applicators License:** Required for applicators to apply GU and RUP pesticides on a golf course as part of their job on property owned or contracted by their employer.

Licensees must pass at least two (2) certification exams: Core and one or more other category. Here are the most likely categories for golf courses:

- A. **Core:** Basic principles of pesticide regulation and application; required for all license categories.
- E. **Turf and Ornamentals:** For pesticide application to non-agricultural or ornamental areas including lawns, parks, athletic fields, **golf courses**, nurseries and greenhouse.
- F. **Aquatic:** For pesticide application to water areas or surface water to control aquatic pest organisms and plants.
- P. **Vertebrate Pest Control:** For pesticide applications to control vertebrate pests. Examples include the liquid fence, dried pigs blood, geese, rabbit, or deer repellants; in addition to underground animals like gopher and mole. This license does not include traps, unless poison bait is used in the trap.

In some cases golf courses may need to be licensed in other categories.

License Categories

<http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticideapplicator/catdefinitions.aspx>

Financial Penalties

Due to potential human and environmental risks from lack of proper applicator license and use categories, be advised that documented non-compliance will result in a Notice of Violation ORDER and may include additional enforcement or financial penalties.

Statutory authority

Follow the link below to read Minnesota Statute 18B.345 Pesticide application on Golf Courses.

<https://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/statutes/?id=18B.345>