



# Sacramento County Agricultural Commissioner

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## Permit Questionnaire: Operator Identification Number (OIN) Restricted Materials Permit (RMP)

OIN      RMP      New      Renewal: All details same as previous year?      Yes      No

Permit Name \_\_\_\_\_ Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

Agent Name \_\_\_\_\_ ( QAL, QAC, PAC) Lic.# \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Reps      Yes      No      Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Are you growing an agricultural commodity?      Yes      No

*Please answer the following questions so an inspector can begin writing your permit. Permits must be signed and issued before pesticide applications are made for the calendar year. Please attach a map of the location(s) the permit will cover and label growing sites. If the sites are inside (such as a greenhouse) include an interior diagram with rooms labeled. When the permit writing process is complete, you will be contacted by an inspector to discuss the details of the permit. **\*\*If applying for a RMP, please complete pages 6 and 7 as well. Instructions are on pages 4 and 5. \*\****

Restricted pesticides you're planning on using (Please list):      Same as previous year

Pest(s) you will be treating for: \_\_\_\_\_

Do your employees apply pesticides?      Yes      No

Do you hire a company to apply pesticides?      Yes      No

Do you have a well on site?      Yes      No

Are bee hives kept on your site(s)?      Yes      No

Do you have a CalAg Permits Account?      Yes      No

If no, write preferred username here: \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete page 2 regarding sites, crops, and area. Area should be recorded in acres or square feet. If completing this form for a Structural, Maintenance Gardener, or Agricultural Pest Control Business this information is not required. For more information regarding permits, pesticide use, and inspection procedures, please visit the department website at: [www.agcomm.saccounty.net](http://www.agcomm.saccounty.net)



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For Restricted Material Permits, please scan or copy the certified applicator's license card (PAC, QAL, QAC, etc.) to this questionnaire. This scan may be included as an attachment in the e-mail, or preferably cut and paste to this page. For questionnaires submitted in person or mail, please include a copy of the card on this page:

Please attach copy of license card here

If you are unable to provide a copy of your license card, please fill out the required information below:

Permit Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Certified Applicator: \_\_\_\_\_

License Type: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Expiration Date: \_\_\_\_\_





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### **Restricted Materials Permit (RMP) - Alternatives Considered Applicant Information and Instructions**

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Title 3 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR), section 6426 requires a permit applicant (grower) and their pest control adviser to consider feasible alternatives to the use of restricted materials before applying for a restricted material permit with the County Agricultural Commissioner (CAC). Pages 3 - 6 are not required for an Operator Identification Number (OIN). This section provides:

**6426 (a)** *Each licensed agricultural pest control adviser and grower, when determining if and when to use a pesticide that requires a permit, shall consider, and if feasible, adopt any reasonable, effective and practical mitigation measure or use any feasible alternative which would substantially lessen any significant adverse impact on the environment.*

The consideration of alternatives to restricted materials during the permit process fulfills one of the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Resources Code, §§ 21000 et seq.; 21080.5.) To document compliance, we are asking you, the permit applicant, to identify the alternative pest management practices (feasible alternatives) that you considered before submitting your restricted material permit application.

A feasible alternative is defined in Title 3, CCR section 6000 as:

**6000** *Other chemical or non-chemical procedure which can reasonably accomplish the same pest control function with comparable effectiveness and reliability, taking into account economic, environmental, social, and technological factors and timeliness of control.*

Therefore, when determining the feasibility of alternatives you should consider the following:

- a. Effectiveness (consider: broad control vs. selectivity, allowable applications per season, delivery mechanism, etc.)
- b. Reliability (consider: weather effects, resistance development, effects on other species such as argentine ants when attempting to control mealybugs, etc.)

And you should take into account the following:

- a. Economic Factors (consider: cost-benefit of application, quality metrics, harvest timing, trade restrictions, etc.)
- b. Environmental Factors (consider: how an alternative could avoid or substantially lessen any significant environmental effect)



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c. Social Factors (consider: nearby buildings or institutions, availability of labor and PPE, likeliness of drift, etc.)

d. Technological Factors (consider: delivery mechanism, type of sprayer available, acreage and topography, automation, etc.)

The CAC will consider the information you provide in an independent review of your permit application and in the CAC's consideration of feasible alternatives and mitigation measures, per Title 3, CCR section 6432. That section provides:

**6432 (a)** *Each commissioner, prior to issuing any permit to use a pesticide and when evaluating a notice of intent, shall determine if a substantial adverse environmental impact may result from the use of such pesticide. If the commissioner determines that a substantial adverse environmental impact will likely occur from the use of the pesticide, the commissioner shall determine if there is a feasible alternative, including the alternative of no pesticide application, or feasible mitigation measure that would substantially reduce the adverse impact. If the commissioner determines that there is a feasible alternative or feasible mitigation measure which significantly reduces the environmental impact, the permit or intended pesticide application shall be denied or conditioned on the utilization of the mitigation measure.*

As noted above, the CAC must consider alternatives to the pesticide application, including a no project alternative of denying or postponing the requested application. The CAC may select this alternative if the CAC determines that there are no feasible mitigation measures that are capable of avoiding or minimizing any potentially substantial adverse impact of the pesticide application. The CAC may also condition permit approval on the inclusion of additional specific and binding permit conditions in order to lessen or avoid any potentially substantial adverse impacts of the pesticide application.

**Where can I get further assistance in filling out the Alternatives Worksheet and describing the alternatives that I considered?** Your pest control advisor is required to certify that all feasible alternatives have been considered, and so may have a list of alternatives that he or she considered for your review and assistance in completing the Alternatives Worksheet. The University of California also maintains a list of Integrated Pest Management (IPM) practices at <http://ipm.ucanr.edu/>, which describes alternatives to using restricted use materials in the management of pests in multiple settings (including home, garden, turf, landscape, agricultural and natural environment).



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Please complete the following, and include this information with your restricted material permit application. This information is necessary in order for your application to be deemed complete. The CAC's office will not process incomplete permit applications. This information is not required for OINs.

Permit Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Permit #: \_\_\_\_\_

Certified Applicator: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_  
QAL QAC PAC

For each restricted material requested, please list the feasible alternatives that you considered before applying for a restricted material permit, including:

1. Non-chemical pest management practice alternatives such as, but not limited to, hand weeding or mowing; orchard floor sanitation to remove mummy nuts or berries; timing pruning to minimize chance of fungal infection; or trapping, habitat modification, and use of predators for rodent control. (Attach additional pages if necessary).

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2. Reduced risk chemical alternatives such as, but not limited to, non-restricted pesticide products, certified organic or FIFRA section 25(b) exempt/minimum risk pesticide products. (Attach additional pages if necessary).

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