

EPA Worker Protection Standard Train-the-Trainer Course for Organic and Non-certified Pesticide Users

All farm workers should be trained in the EPA Worker Protection Standards (WPS). If your farm uses any pesticides, including those approved for Organic production, all employees MUST be trained in WPS by Federal law. This training must be delivered by someone who either has a license to apply *restricted-use* pesticides *OR* has completed a WPS train-the-trainer program.

UMass Extension is offering 3 half-day **formal WPS Train-the-Trainer courses** this spring. These programs are geared toward organic producers and other farmers who are not certified pesticide applicators, and may be unfamiliar with regulations and procedures for safe pesticide use and record-keeping.

After you leave this training, you will have the ability *and* authority to conduct both handler and worker trainings for your employees, as required by the EPA.

You will leave this training with:

- EPA WPS How to Comply manual
- WPS-compliant record-keeping book
- Certificate of completion
- Signage for central posting areas

Choose from 3 locations in Massachusetts:

Eastern MA:

When: Tuesday, April 14 from 9am to 1pm

Where: Appleton Farm, 219 County Road, Ipswich, MA 01938

Central MA:

When: Tuesday, April 21 from 9am to 1pm

Where: Brigham Hill Community Farm, 37 Wheeler Rd, North Grafton, MA 01536

Western MA:

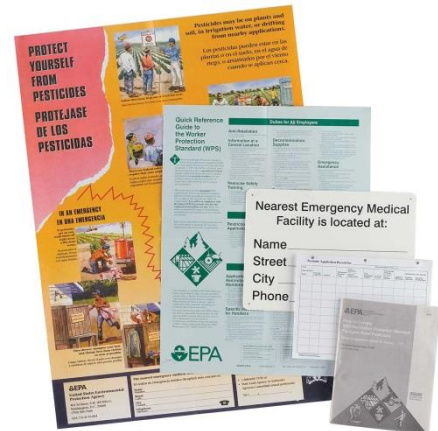
When: Tuesday, April 28 from 9am to 1pm

Where: Brookfield Farm, 24 Hulst Road, Amherst, MA 01002

WORKSHOPS ARE FREE, but PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. See Registration Form below.

Contact Lisa McKeag at 413-577-3976 or lmckeag@umext.umass.edu for more information.

For more information on the Worker Protection Standards: <http://www.epa.gov/agriculture/twor.html>



Registration Form

2015 EPA WPS Train the Trainer Workshop

Please check the workshop that you want to attend:

- Tuesday April 14th from 9am to 1pm
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- Tuesday April 21st from 9am to 1pm
Brigham Hill Community Farm, 37 Wheeler Rd, North Grafton, MA 01536

- Tuesday April 28th from 9am to 1pm
Brookfield Farm, 24 Hulst Road, Amherst, MA 01002

Your Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

No. street

town state zip code

Phone Number: _____

daytime/work phone number

Pre-registration is required for each participant

There are four ways to pre-registered for this program:

(1) Call Lisa McKeag: (413) 577-3976

(2) Email Lisa McKeag:
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(3) Fax registration form to:
413-545-5858

(4) Mail form to:
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