



Greenhouse Crops and Floriculture

Updates for EPA Worker Protection Standard - for Greenhouse Growers
March 1, 2017

2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
(Registration begins at 1:15)
Cavicchio's Greenhouse, 110 Codjer Lane, Sudbury, MA 01776

Join us at Cavicchio Greenhouses, where Laurie Rocco, Massachusetts Dept. of Agricultural Resources (MDAR) will walk us through the revisions for WPS.

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has revised the 1992 Agricultural Worker Protection Standard (WPS) regulation.

The WPS are designed to reduce pesticide poisoning and injuries among agricultural workers and pesticide handlers. WPS contains requirements for training, decontamination, notification, and emergency assistance. It also contains specific information about personal protective equipment and Re-entry intervals (REIs).

All horticultural employers who use pesticides (**including organic pesticides**) and who have one or more employees must comply with all of the provisions of the WPS. Owners of agricultural establishments and members of their immediate family are exempt from some WPS requirements. However, they must observe the appropriate REIs and must use the proper personal protective equipment listed on the pesticide label. The majority of the rule revisions were effective on January 2, 2017.

2 Pesticide Credits

New pesticide credit rules: Sign-in required at registration for pesticide credit, photo ID required at sign in.

Registration Form - March 1, 2017 WPS Training for Greenhouses

Names _____

Business Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

Make check payable to & return to: Mass Flower Growers' Association, 8 Gould Rd., Bedford, MA 01730

_____ No. Registrations x \$25.00/person = Total _____

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