



# Golf and the Arizona Department of Agriculture

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Senate bill 1143 which passed during the last Arizona legislative session transferred regulatory authority of pesticide use on golf courses from the Office of Pest Management (OPM) to the Environmental Services Division of the Arizona Department of Agriculture (ADA). Custom applications (for hire) to golf still fall under the jurisdiction of the OPM. There are several things that are/may be needed for golf individuals to make the transition to Ag.

## **GROWERS PERMIT:**

Golf courses will need to apply to ADA for a Growers Permit. Growers Permits allow entities to purchase pesticides. Cost of a Growers Permit is \$20.00/year and may be renewed for 1 or 2 years. Applications of pesticides to golf property are restricted to the golf course proper and the exterior of buildings on the golf course such as the club house. This does NOT include private residences. **There is NO Business License, QA or QP needed as with OPM.**

## **CERTIFICATION:**

If golf personal want to apply or supervise the application of *Restricted Use Pesticides*, they will need to apply to ADA and become a certified Golf Applicator. If individuals do not apply or supervise the application of *Restricted Use Pesticides*, certification is NOT necessary. Individuals who currently hold OPM licenses in good standing can obtain ADA certification in the corresponding categories without taking exams. "Aquatic" applications and managing pests with fumigants on a golf course, require ADA certification credentials in those categories. Anyone in "Golf" having the aquatic or fumigation credential with OPM may apply to the Environmental Services Division of ADA for the associated ADA credential without taking the ADA exam(s). There are 3 CEUs needed each year to maintain a Golf Applicator certificate and 6 needed to maintain an Aquatic or Fumigation certificate. Certifications expire December

31 of each year with a 30 day grace period. ADA certificates may be renewed for 1 or 2 years but a 2 year renewal requires double the CEUs. Cost of Golf Applicator certificates is \$100.00 per year. Other certificates are \$50.00 per year.

## **REPORTING:**

Applications of certain pesticides will need to be reported via 1080s to ADA.

ADA Rule R3-3-404: "A regulated grower shall submit to the Department, by mail or fax, a completed and signed Form 1080, as prescribed in R3-3-302, for application of a pesticide containing an active ingredient that appears on the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) groundwater protection list, and is soil-applied, as defined in A.A.C. R18-6-101."

ADEQ Rule R18-6-101: "Soil-applied means an agricultural use pesticide intended for application to or injection into the soil by ground-based application equipment or chemi-gation, or the label of the pesticide requires or recommends that the application is followed within 72 hours by flood or furrow irrigation."

1080s are to be filed "no later than the Thursday following the calendar week in which the application is completed." Copies of 1080s must be kept for a period of two years. The Groundwater Protection (GWP) List is published each year by ADEQ.

## **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

There may be situations where maintaining a certification or license with both ADA and OPM would be necessary. Applications made to "non-golf course" still require an OPM license. i.e. If an individual is responsible for maintenance of the golf course(s) and maintenance of "non-golf" such as right of way, or community landscape property, this would require credentials with BOTH ADA and OPM.

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