



To: 2021 Private Pesticide & Fertilizer Applicators needing
re-certification by ~~March 31, 2021~~ July 1, 2021

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Re: 2021 Pesticide and Fertilizer Re-Certification

Greetings. We are writing to let you know we are working on how the Holmes & Wayne County Extension offices will be offering pesticide & fertilizer re-certification sessions in 2021. You are on the lists as a person who will need to complete this recertification. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, **the Ohio legislature has extended the re-certification deadline to July 1, 2021.**

The coronavirus pandemic has altered how each of us are conducting our lives and it has impacted us at OSU Extension, especially as we try to meet the COVID-19 guidelines set forth by the university and the State of Ohio. As a private applicator, we are providing you with four (4) options to obtain your recertification:

1. OSU Extension Self-Paced Online Recertification Course
2. Holmes & Wayne County IN-PERSON Re-certification dates (**SEE LIST included**)
3. State-Wide Live Online Webinar Options
4. Self-reading of print materials with test questions after each section. (*3-hour time limit*)

Option #1: OSU Extension Self-Paced Online Re-Certification Course

Applicators can complete their re-certification by completing a self-placed online re-certification course (*can complete over multiple days*). The cost of this course is \$35 for pesticide re-certification and \$15 for fertilizer re-certification. This course is now open for enrollment.

Enroll at: <https://pested.osu.edu/onlinerecert>

Option #2: Holmes & Wayne County IN-PERSON Re-certification (*read thoroughly*)

In-person re-certification programs will be held in 2021 for both pesticide and fertilizer recertification. There will be seven opportunities to attend a pesticide program and six opportunities to attend a fertilizer program. (*See complete list of all programs included with this letter.*)

YOU MUST call in and pre-register to hold a spot for any program. Groups will be limited to 47 at each program. **There will be NO Walk-Ins accepted the day of the programs in 2021.**

The re-certification programs will allow private applicators to receive both their pesticide (CORE and Categories 1 through 6) and fertilizer re-certifications (Category 15). **The registration deadline is three days before each program date.**

Call the Wayne County Extension office to preregister at 330-264-8722.

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NOTE: Social distancing will be adhered to and face masks are required. No refreshments or beverages will be provided (bring your own). Please know these sessions may be postponed or changed to an online format depending on the current public health situation.

Option #3: State-Wide Live Online Webinar Options

OSU's Pesticide Education Program will be offering online webinar options to help producers obtain their pesticide & fertilizer re-certifications. These offerings will be held on:

- **Agricultural Fertilizer FIRST-TIME Certification (3-hour)**
 - Thursday, February 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - Fee: \$35
 - Register at: <https://nutrienteducation.osu.edu/OnlineFertCert>
 - **OR you can attend in-person and view the webinar on site.**
 - (For those with poor or no internet options)
- **Private Pesticide Applicator Recertification**
 - Thursday, March 25 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - CORE and all private categories
 - Fee: \$35
 - Register at: <https://pested.osu.edu/OnlineRecertPrivate>
- **Agricultural Fertilizer Recertification (one hour)**
 - Thursday, March 25 from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m.
 - Fee: \$15
 - Register at: <https://pested.osu.edu/OnlineRecertPrivate>

Option #4: Self-Reading of Print Materials With Questions To Answer

- **Agricultural Pesticide Recertification (3-hour)**
 - April 16 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
 - Sprunger Building, Kidron Auction Grounds, 13071 Emerson Road, Apple Creek, OH
 - Fee: \$35
 - Pre-register by calling: 330.264.8722

We encourage you to use the option which best fits your schedule and your health and safety concerns. To reserve your spot at a meeting, preregister by calling 330.264.8722. You will need to give your program date you chose to attend, name, address, phone/voice mail (if have) and pesticide/fertilizer license number.

Respectfully,

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Ohio State University Extension, Holmes & Wayne Counties