

**WORKER PROTECTION STANDARD TRAINING**  
April 23rd, 9-11 am, Screamin' Ridge Farm, Montpelier

This will be WPS handler training, not worker training. These WPS trained handlers will then be able to train their own workers. The Worker Protection Standard (WPS) is a Federal regulation designed to protect people involved in the production of agricultural plants (on farms, in greenhouses, in nurseries, in forests) from occupational exposure and to protect others from accidental exposure to pesticides.

The WPS requires employers of agricultural workers (conducting hand labor in the production of agricultural plants) and pesticide handlers (people mixing, loading, or applying pesticides or doing other tasks involving direct contact with pesticides) to take a number of prescribed steps to minimize levels of occupational exposure to pesticides. One of the employer's responsibilities is to provide pesticide safety training. Please contact Annie Macmillan at the Vermont Agency of Agriculture if you are interested in receiving this mandatory training: 828-3479 or [anne.macmillan@state.vt.us](mailto:anne.macmillan@state.vt.us).

Directions: take Elm St North (Rt. 12) leaving Montpelier. After the swimming pool and baseball field on your right look for the North Branch Nature Center (formerly VINS) on the right. Just after that take a right onto Gould Hill Rd. Come up Gould Hill about 1.5 miles and take a right onto Dillon Rd. We are the only Greenhouse on the Right. (You can also come from County Rd by taking either Horn of the Moon to Jacobs to Sparrow Farm Rd to Gould Hill or take County Rd to Cummins Rd to North St to Sparrow Farm Rd to Gould Hill.)