

# 2026 Pesticide Applicator Education Winter Webinar Series

Weekly updates on pest management and pesticide safety practices in agriculture, horticulture, and outdoor sites for certified applicators

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**MARCH 3, 2026** - Endangered Species Act Overview

**MARCH 10, 2026** - PFAS and Pesticides

**MARCH 17, 2026** - The Cost of Pesticide Disposal

**MARCH 24, 2026** - Insects and Mites in Trees and Shrubs

**MARCH 31, 2026** - Tree Diseases Review and Outlook

*Virtual via Zoom*  
**noon -1:00 PM**

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**Registration fee is \$15 per webinar.**

**Please register at: TBA**

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### **MARCH 3, 2026**

- **Pesticide Labels and the Endangered Species Act: Are You Ready?**

*Dr. Brett Bultemeier, University of Florida*

An overview of the increased overlap of the Endangered Species Act and how it will begin showing up on labels: where to find information on the label, where to find the additional required information not directly on the label, and how to work that into their operational plans, including Bulletins Live! Two, Pesticide Use Limitation Areas, Ecological Mitigations, and more.

### **MARCH 10, 2026**

- **PFAS and Pesticides: Preparing Yourself for Talking to Clients**

*Pamela Bryer, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets*

Introduction on the topic of PFAS aka the “Forever Chemicals” and the multiple ways concerns over this group of chemicals overlaps with pesticides. There have been calls nationally to ban roughly 10% of currently registered products that contain a certain chemical structure and we’ll learn why. From active ingredients & inerts to container contamination, this is a complicated topic with lots of nuance (and chemistry) to understand, but we’ll break it down to get an overview of the various issues.

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### **MARCH 17, 2026**

- **The Cost of Pesticide Disposal**

*Stephanie Smith, Vermont Agency of Agriculture, Food & Markets*

Pesticide stewardship including selection, storage, and application with the goal of reducing the amount of pesticides that need to be disposed and resources for disposal of products and recycling of empty pesticide containers.

### **MARCH 24, 2026**

- **What's Bugging Us: An Update on Insect and Mite Pests in Trees and Shrubs** *Dan Gilrein, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County*

Some of the more important, and a few less common, insect and mite pests we're seeing in trees in shrubs in both landscapes and nurseries including some management options, considering use of neonic insecticides on ornamental plants is now prohibited in some states.

### **MARCH 31, 2026**

- **Tree Diseases in 2025 and What to Look Forward to in 2026**

*Ann Hazelrigg, University of Vermont Extension*

Disease problems of landscape trees and shrubs, including both biotic and abiotic causes, that we saw in 2025 and discussion of what may be coming in 2026.