GENEVA STATION WPS REMINDER

All pesticide applications at the Geneva Experiment Station are performed in a responsible and timely manner to support agricultural research, reduce impact to the environment, protect health and safety of the field and greenhouse research community, and comply with the EPA Worker Protection Standard (WPS).

To complement the WPS program at the Station, listed below are summaries for farm and greenhouse WPS programs. In addition, please find the summary for posting attached.

Farm WPS program:
Field pesticide application; once an application is underway you may be able to see the applicator and rig. However, they are not always able to see all field personnel. We ask that you partner with us to protect your safety. Please make every attempt to make visual and or verbal contact with our applicators, if safe to do so. If you are unable to do so, please contact our office by calling 315-781-5307 from a safe location and we will make contact on your behalf.

How to Obtain WPS Information:
The field pesticide applications are posted on:
- FRU’s central posting location (north exterior wall of pesticide storage building) and
- Geneva Pesticide Application System: https://gpas.cals.cornell.edu/web_post,
- by directly contacting us at 315-781-5307. Each individual block has a WPS Pesticide Application warning sign adjacent to it.

If you find the pesticide application warning sign open and need information regarding the re-entry, use one of the three methods listed above. In addition, another important point to remember is that FRU staff members are not the only group making applications on Station farms. Researchers and their technicians conduct pesticide applications as well. They post a record of their applications labeled “Non-FRU WPS Applications” at FRU’s central posting location. Field workers are required to check these records prior to entering the field.

When and How to Contact FRU Pesticide Applicators:
Contact us with questions regarding Re-Entry Intervals (REIs) on specific blocks or regarding the possibility of an application in neighboring blocks. If supervisors or their field workers are working adjacent to an application and have questions or concerns about an application in progress, we encourage them to leave the area and contact our office at 315-781-5307 from a safe location.

What to do in Case of an Emergency:
In case of emergency or for situations requiring additional assistance, contact Rob Lasher, FRU Pesticide Manager at 315-781-5307 or Soon Kong, NYSAES EH&S Manager, at 315-787-2350. For medical assistance requiring immediate response, call 911.

The Poison Control Center number is 800-222-1222.
Greenhouse WPS Program:

Greenhouse & Grounds (GH&G) closes all greenhouses and polyhouses on Tuesday at 4pm and Friday at 3pm for pesticide applications. All personnel must vacate the greenhouses before these times and may not re-enter until posted Restricted Entry Intervals (REI) have expired. **There are no exceptions.** Staff may continue to work in the potting shed; however no materials may be transported to the greenhouses or polyhouses.

Pesticide Application Warning Signs are posted on each greenhouse facility door while specific Pesticide Application Information is posted on each greenhouse chamber door by the pesticide applicator. On rare occasions, stand-alone greenhouses may require spray applications outside these set application times. If an application is necessary, the Greenhouse Staff will email the Station community of an upcoming application. The same REI restrictions apply to these greenhouses as listed above. Any pesticides applied in the greenhouses by licensed Pesticide Applicators other than GH&G staff must be cleared with the Greenhouse Manager prior to application and must follow the above application and posting protocols.

**How to Obtain WPS Information:**
All Greenhouse pesticide applications, including those made by staff other than GH&G staff, are required to be posted at the 4910k Greenhouse central posting site. Labels for pesticides applied by GH&G staff are available at the central posting site. Additionally, copies of SDS and pesticide labels are at the 4910k Pesticide Reporting and WPS bulletin board and the WPS bulletin board at the entrance to Barton Greenhouses on the ground floor of Barton Lab. Research Programs must also maintain a label and SDS book at the central posting site for any applications made by program staff. You may also contact GH&G staff for more information at 315-787-2293.

**When and How to Contact Greenhouse & Grounds Pesticide Applicators:**
You may contact GH&G staff anytime at 315-787-2293 with any questions or concerns.

**What to do in Case of an Emergency:**
For greenhouse or station grounds situations requiring additional assistance, contact Dahlia Wist, Greenhouse & Grounds Manager, at 315-787-2293 or Soon Kong, NYSAES EH&S Manager, at 315-787-2350. For medical assistance requiring immediate response, call 9-911 or dial 911 from a cell phone.

The Poison Control Center number is 800-222-1222.