



## Plant Health Protection Update

- Opportunities for initial testing to obtain a commercial pesticide applicator license, testing to add a category to an existing license, as well as recertification training to maintain an existing license, are ongoing this winter and spring. Links to more info:
  - [University of Nebraska Pesticide Safety Education Resources](#)
    - Study material for commercial/noncommercial exams.
    - Register for commercial/noncommercial applicator testing sites with supplemental training from UNL Extension.
    - Register for commercial/noncommercial applicator recertification sessions.
  - [Nebraska Department of Agriculture](#)
    - Lists of both UNL and non-UNL testing and training recertification sessions.
    - List of NDA “walk-in, test only” sites.
- Certification and recertification of private applicators is also ongoing. A list of the locations and dates throughout the state can also be found at the [University of Nebraska Pesticide Safety Education Resources](#) web site, or call your local Extension office.
- Poison Prevention Week is March 15-21, 2015. More than 90 percent of the time, poisonings happen in people’s homes. The majority of these poisonings occur in the kitchen, bathroom and bedroom. That is why it is important to follow simple steps to prevent a poisoning from happening at home.

Teach your family to never touch or put anything in their mouths, unless they know what it is. Remember, if you suspect that you or someone you know has been poisoned, immediately call the toll-free Poison Help line (**1-800-222-1222**), which connects you to your local poison center.



Additional tips on how to keep poisonous items safe in your home can be found [here](#). Also, please see the next item.

- A recent summary of poisonings involving the restricted-use pesticide, paraquat, among others, brings the message home about keeping **ALL** pesticide products out of reach of children and stored in their original containers. An overview of the issue is provided by the [University of Illinois Pesticide Safety Education Program](#).

STORAGE AND DISPOSAL
<b>DO NOT</b> contaminate water, food or feed by storage or disposal.
<b>Pesticide Storage</b>
Keep this product in its tightly closed original container, when not in use. <b>DO NOT</b> store below 32° F. <b>DO NOT</b> store in direct sunlight. Store in a cool, dry (preferably locked) area that is inaccessible to children and animals.


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