

MDA 2026 Fall Recertification Training - Missoula

Location: Missoula County Department of Ecology & Extension

Date: Wednesday, October 21, 2026



<u>TIME</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>
8:00 – 8:20	Check – In	MDA Staff
8:20 – 8:30	Welcome, Introductions, and Housekeeping	Beth Thomas MDA
8:30 – 9:20	Communicating with the Public <i>This presentation will provide an explanation of how pesticides are developed as well as the extensive regulatory requirements for registering and labeling pesticides. Suggestions for effectively communicating with the public about safety/risk factors, environmental benefits, and environmental fate of herbicides will also be described and shared.</i>	Will Hatler, Corteva
9:20 – 10:10	Forest Pest IPM <i>Participants will learn to identify and manage common forest pests in Montana. Emphasis will be on diagnostic features of organisms, specific life cycles, and critical timing for effective management. A general overview of relevant pesticides will be included as well.</i>	Amy Gannon, Conservation Specialist, DNRC
10:10 – 10:25	BREAK	
10:25 – 11:15	Pesticide Law, Compliance & Enforcement <i>The compliance assistance and enforcement program helps ensure pesticides are managed for the protection of humans, animals, crops and the environment. This presentation will describe what pesticide applicators should expect to be asked as well as the various elements of investigations and routine inspections, compliance assistance, the complaint process, how to handle pesticide spills and best practices for proper pesticide storage.</i>	Tonda Moon, MDA
11:15 – 12:05	Aquatic Invasive Species <i>This presentation provides an overview of the current status and distribution of priority aquatic invasive species in Montana, with an emphasis on invasive aquatic plants. Participants will learn about early detection methods, including environmental DNA (eDNA) and field monitoring used by Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks, as well as best management practices to prevent the spread of AIS. In addition, integrated management strategies—including chemical, mechanical, and biological control methods—and uses real Montana case studies to highlight the strengths, limitations, and practical application of each approach will be explained.</i>	Craig McLane, FWP
12:05 – 1:05	LUNCH (on your own)	
1:05 – 1:55	Pesticide Safety Bingo <i>Criteria to properly select PPE, where to find minimum PPE requirements, and the cleaning, maintaining, and disposing of PPE will be revisited. In addition, different types of labels, how and when to read a pesticide label, including names, ingredients, formulations, signal words, symbols and their relative hazard level, precautionary statements, and environmental hazard statements will be reviewed.</i>	Beth Thomas, MDA
1:55 – 2:45	Soil Health <i>In this presentation, characteristics of healthy soils will be described as well as the effect of herbicides on soil health. In addition, strategies to reduce the need for herbicides will be explained.</i>	NRCS Staff
2:45 – 3:00	Wrap-Up, Evaluation, and Closing Remarks	

AVAILABLE CREDITS PER PESTICIDE CATEGORY:

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>
(0) Dealer	6
(1) Agricultural Plant Pest Control	3
(2) Forest Pest Control	4
(3) Ornamental and Turf Pest Control	6
(4) Seed Treatment	3
(5) Aquatic Pest Control	4
(6) Right-of-Way, Rangeland, Pasture, and Noncrop Pest Control	3
(7) Industrial, Institutional, Structural, and Health Related Pest Control	3
(8) Public Health Pest Control	3
(9) Non-Soil Fumigation	3
(10) Demonstration and Research	6
(11) Wood Product Pest Control	3
(12) Livestock Protection Collar (1080)	3
(13) Sodium Cyanide (M-44)	3
(14) Special Utility	5
(15) School Pest Control	3
(16) Agricultural Animal Pest Control	3
(17) Agricultural Vertebrate Pest Control	3
(18) Aerial	3
(19) Piscicide	3
(20) Mosquito Abatement	3
(21) Predator	3
(22) Rodent	3
(23) Regulatory Weed	3
(24) Sewer Treatment	3
(25) Animal Contraceptive Vaccine	3
(26) Biocide Treatment	3
(40) Private Agricultural Pest Control	6
(41) Private Aquatic Pest Control	4
(42) Private Livestock Collar	3
(43) Private Sodium Cyanide (M-44)	3
(44) Private Non-Soil Fumigation	3
(45) Private Aerial	3

Evaluation:

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