

WPS Hazard Communication Compliance

When workers are expected to be on your farm within 30 days of a pesticide application (RUP or GUP), WPS requires that you display information about the pesticide application in a central, easily-accessible location on your establishment. This is referred to as *hazard communication*.

Three items must be displayed: **1)** the Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for all pesticides applied within 30 days (alternatively, you can display instructions for how workers can locate and access the SDSs, if they are housed elsewhere on the establishment); **2)** records of all pesticide applications (RUP and GUP) within 30 days (see required information below); and **3)** a Pesticide Safety Poster, which is available online:

<http://pesticideresources.org/wps/guide/hazcomm.html>.

The application records for WPS display (#2 above) have different requirements than a standard RUP application record. The required information for a WPS display record is:

- Product name, EPA Reg. No., and active ingredient(s)
- Location and description of treated area(s)
- Crop or site treated
- Date of application, plus its start time and finish time
- Length of the product's restricted-entry interval (REI)

The "WPS Hazard Communication Record" can be used and displayed to fulfill this obligation. Print the blank form as many times as you need from <https://pested.unl.edu>.

In addition to these three items, if the pesticide that was applied has an REI of more than 48 hours, warning signs must be posted up to 24 hours *before* the application and removed/covered within 3 days of the REI's expiration. Learn more about this requirement online: <http://pesticideresources.org/wps/guide/posting.html>.