



Tree-äge™ is a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP): Pesticide Licensing & Certification is Required to Apply

WHAT IS TREE-ÄGE™?

Tree-äge™ is a pesticide product manufactured by Syngenta that contains the active ingredient emamectin benzoate. It is injected into trunks of ash trees for systemic control of the insect emerald ash borer (EAB). EAB is a highly destructive invasive species that has already killed millions of ash trees in other Midwestern states, and is now present in Minnesota.

WHY AND HOW HAS THE TREE-ÄGE™ LABEL AND LABEL LANGUAGE CHANGED?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has classified Tree-äge™ as a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) due to hazards that Tree-äge™ poses to those who come in contact with it. Tree-äge™ is now federally registered and is available for distribution and use in Minnesota. Look for the new label with the EPA Reg. No. 100-1309-74578. The product is marketed for Syngenta by a company named Arborjet, Inc.

The new Tree-äge™ label has a Restricted Use Pesticide statement, new container disposal requirements, and clarification of product use directions. ***As a result, any person using this product in the state of Minnesota is required to be a licensed or certified pesticide applicator.***

WHO CAN SELL TREE-ÄGE™ IN MINNESOTA?

Dealers and other distributors cannot advertise this product (or other RUPs) without disclosing that it is classified as a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP) and must meet certain licensing, sales, recordkeeping and reporting requirements.

For RUP dealer and distributor information contact MDA. Go to <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticidedealer.aspx> or call the MDA Licensing and Certification Unit at 651-201-6137.

Note: In 2008, Minnesota issued a special state pesticide registration that allowed the use of Tree-äge™ in Minnesota. At the time the product was not a RUP. This special registration has been cancelled. Product with the canceled label (ID number SLN MN-080009) on it that is in the hands of an end user can be used up until

gone. However, wholesalers and retailers can no longer sell product with the state special registration (SLN MN-080009) label and must contact the manufacturer or their distributor to return the product.

DO I HAVE TO BE LICENSED OR CERTIFIED TO APPLY TREE-ÄGE™?

Yes! Because Tree-äge™ is now a Restricted Use Pesticide (RUP), all persons applying Tree-äge™ must be a licensed and certified pesticide applicator. No person is exempt from the appropriate licensing and certification requirements. Arborists, grounds workers, state and local government workers, and any other person applying Tree-äge™ product must have the correct pesticide applicator license, regardless of who owns the trees.

WHAT PESTICIDE LICENSE AND CERTIFICATION SHOULD I GET?

A Commercial Pesticide Applicator License is required for persons who apply any pesticides, including Tree-äge™, for hire on their customer's property. Commercial Applicators must be certified in Category A (Core) and Category E (Turf and Ornamentals).

A Non-commercial Pesticide Applicator License is required for applicators who apply Tree-äge™ or other RUPs on their employer's or their own property. Persons licensed as a non-commercial pesticide applicator may use RUPs on a "not-for-hire" basis. Non-commercial Pesticide Applicators must also be certified in Category A (Core) and Category E (Turf and Ornamentals).

For Pesticide Applicator Licensing information contact MDA. Go to <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/licensing/licensetypes/pesticideapplicator.aspx> or call the MDA Licensing and Certification Unit at 651-201-6615. There are three basic steps to obtaining the commercial and non-commercial licenses: applying for the license, paying the license fee, and passing the Category A & E closed book exam.

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