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OISC Pesticide Priorities for Lawn and Landscape Operators

1. Use side shields to keep granular pesticides and fertilizers off of non-turf areas such as sidewalks, driveways, streets and curbs. Remove any excess from these areas with brooms and blowers. There may even be local regulations that require you to do this.
2. Provide your employees with working Personal Protective Equipment and make sure they wear it! Riding on application equipment does not lessen the PPE requirements unless specifically stated on the label.
3. OISC will continue to conduct inspections at lawn care facilities in 2008.
 - a. Clean and organize pesticide storage areas.
 - b. Insure that all pesticides are labeled and stored in their proper containers. Specific best management practices for storing pesticides can be found in the Purdue Pesticide Programs publication PPP-61, *Pesticide Safety Tips for the Workplace and Farm*.
4. Remember, passing the core or category exam does not automatically license you or your employees. You must follow through and submit an application for credentials along with the appropriate fee to OISC.
5. Inspect pesticide application equipment regularly to insure that it is functioning properly and that it is not leaking.