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On-line renewals are here! To renew any non-Commercial Applicator* license online, you will need:

- **Access to the WSDA website**, <https://fortress.wa.gov/agr/apps/PMLicRenewal>
- **Your pesticide license number**. Only active license types are eligible for online renewal. In order to be considered active, a license needs to be in a current recertification cycle and renewed within the last two years. ***Please note:** Commercial Applicator licenses are not eligible for on-line renewal at this time. This option is expected to be available spring 2012.
- **Checking or Savings account information** – The routing and account numbers found at the bottom of a check or savings deposit slip. When supplying this information, you will be directed to a secure U.S. Bank website, which includes instructions on entering the correct numbers. You will also have the option to print a payment confirmation page. **Sorry – credit and debit card payments are not accepted.**

Renew in 4 easy steps:

1. **Enter your license number** on the WSDA website, which will verify that you are eligible to renew on-line. If you hold multiple non-Commercial Applicator licenses, you can renew them all at one time. If you want to renew the licenses of several people at once, you can do so under one transaction.
2. **Complete payment information** on the US Bank website. **Alert** – you will be charged a \$1 fee per transaction to use this option. Renewing multiple licenses at once requires only one transaction fee.
3. **Print payment verification** if you require a receipt for your transaction.
4. **Verify contact information** on your application form. If there is a change to your name, address, phone or email, please contact Pesticide Licensing at license@agr.wa.gov or toll free at (877) 301-4555.

If the transaction is successful, you will receive a renewal confirmation email from WSDA shortly after making your payment. While your license is renewed at that time, it will not be reflected on the WSDA website at <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/LicensingEd/Search/> until the following day. If you complete your renewal transaction and do not receive a confirmation e-mail, check your spam folder, or contact Pesticide Licensing (see above).

Collecting recertification attendance data electronically

Bring your plastic license card to the recertification courses you attend. WSDA will be collecting attendance records via the barcode on your plastic card at large recertification courses. These are the courses where WSDA has traditionally stamped certificates in order to document attendance. If you have lost or damaged your card, be sure to request a new one on your renewal form or send Pesticide Licensing an email at license@agr.wa.gov. You will also be able to request one at any course that is using the bar-code method.

Second Round of Major Changes to Soil Fumigant Labels Delayed Until 2012

As reported in last year's *News to Share*, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) implemented new risk-mitigation measures for soil fumigants to protect fumigant handlers, reentry workers, and bystanders from risks resulting from exposure to these pesticides. The soil fumigants methyl bromide, chloropicrin, dazomet, metam sodium, metam potassium, and chloropicrin-containing 1,3-dichloropropene (Telone C-17 and C-35) are all subject to the new requirements.

The first round of changes, which included restricted use pesticide status for all soil fumigants and requirements for fumigation management plans and fumigant safety training for handlers, appeared on labels in late Dec. 2010. The second round of changes, originally due on labels late in 2011, is now expected sometime in 2012. (Once WSDA has information on a release date, it will be broadcast via the WSDA AG-ASSIST listserv at <http://agr.wa.gov/PestFert/ChemFert/AgAssistWSDA>). These changes require that:

- Registrants provide active ingredient-specific training to applicators. This training will be required every three years. In lieu of training, WSDA will be offering a certification option that will be in place by the time the revised labels are in the marketplace. Private and commercial applicators that add the new Soil Fumigation category will be exempt from the registrant-provided training. The old Soil Fumigation category will not suffice for the training.
- Applicators adhere to label-provided buffer zones. The buffer distances will be variable and may be reduced by using buffer “credits” for practices and site conditions that reduce emissions.

For additional information, go to the EPA website at http://www.epa.gov/oppsrrd1/reregistration/soil_fumigants/