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*The Staff of the  
Cayuga-Onondaga BOCES  
Office of Safety &  
Risk Management  
Extends To You and  
Your Family  
Best Wishes for the  
Holiday Season and a  
Very Happy New Year!*



## **COMPLIANCE DEADLINES**



**DECEMBER 31, 2017**

**8 total drills completed (combination fire drills and lockdown drills)**

**JANUARY 1, 2018**

**Fire Inspection Reports to NYSED (Cayuga, Onondaga and Oswego counties)**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

**Pesticide Applicator Annual Reports to DEC**

**FEBRUARY 1, 2018**

**NYS Department of Labor 2017 Injury and Illness Summary must be posted**



## **Winter Recess Pesticide Notification May Be Required**

School Districts that have applied pesticides [other than exempt applications described in Education Law §409-h(2)(e)] since the beginning of the school year, have an obligation to provide written notification to all staff and persons in parental relation within two days of the end of winter recess. The notification must include the date, location and product used for each application which required prior notification and for each emergency application made since the last notification (beginning of school year). The notification must also include a statement that schools are required to maintain a list of parents and staff members who wish to receive 48 hour prior written notification of pesticide applications, instructions on how to register to be included on the notification list, and the name and phone number of the school's pesticide representative.

**PLEASE NOTE: IF NO APPLICATIONS (OTHER THAN PRODUCTS LISTED AS EXEMPT FROM PRE-NOTIFICATION) HAVE BEEN MADE SINCE THE BEGINNING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, THE WINTER RECESS NOTIFICATION IS NOT REQUIRED.**

Please contact your BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office with any questions related to Pesticide Notification or if you need the SED sample form for notification.

# PESTICIDE APPLICATION ANNUAL REPORTS MUST BE SUBMITTED

Pesticide Application Annual Reports must be submitted to DEC by February 1, 2018. For each pesticide application during 2017 you must report:

EPA Registration Number – Enter the EPA registration number as it appears on the product label.

Product Name – Enter the registered product name, not the active ingredients.

Quantity Used – Enter the amount of pesticide used out of the manufacturer's container with the EPA registration number on it.

Units – Enter the unit of measure applicable to the quantity used. Use only the abbreviations listed on the DEC reporting form.

Date Applied – Enter the date of the pesticide application in this format: 0101 = January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1114 = November 14<sup>th</sup>.

County Code – Enter the county where the pesticide was applied. (Use the county codes from the table on the form).

Address – Enter the street address where the pesticide was applied.

Municipality – Enter the village, city, etc., where the pesticide was applied.

Zip Code – Enter the five-digit zip code where the pesticide was applied.

Reporting Responsibilities – Properly completed, the Commercial Applicator/ Technician Pesticide Use Annual Report Form 44-15-26 provides all the information required by the Pesticide Reporting Law for reporting purposes. The report form can be downloaded from the DEC website at: [www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials\\_minerals\\_pdf/form26.pdf](http://www.dec.ny.gov/docs/materials_minerals_pdf/form26.pdf)

THE BURDEN OF REPORTING IS PLACED ON THE FULLY CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL PESTICIDE APPLICATORS AND TECHNICIANS, NOT ON REGISTERED PESTICIDE BUSINESSES.

Fully certified commercial applicators are responsible for reporting all pesticide applications made by non-certified applicators who work for them or under their supervision.

EVERY FULLY CERTIFIED COMMERCIAL APPLICATOR AND TECHNICIAN MUST SUBMIT A REPORT EVEN IF NO APPLICATIONS WERE MADE.

Mail completed forms to:  
Pesticide Reporting Section  
NYSDEC, P.O. Box 10699, Albany, NY  
12201-5699

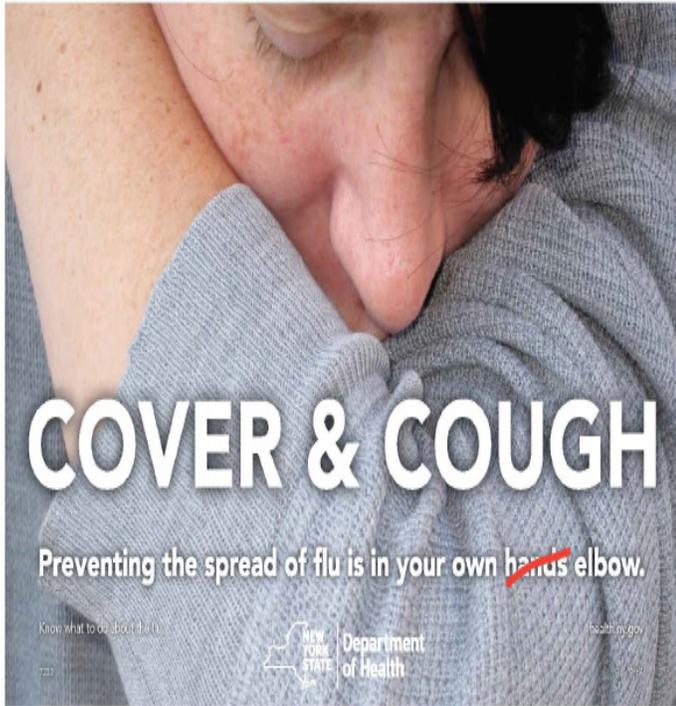
The DEC suggests using certified mail for reports submitted by mail.

Recordkeeping Responsibilities – All required records must be available for inspection upon request by authorized DEC staff within a reasonable time and must be sufficient to identify the exact location of the application and the individual responsible for making the application.

## Any Questions??

If you have any questions, contact DEC's Pesticide Reporting Section by email at [prl@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:prl@gw.dec.state.ny.us) or by telephone at (518) 457-0110 or (888) 457-0110.

You may also call your regional DEC office or the BOCES Safety and Risk Management Office for assistance.



## Snowblower Safety



Each year, there are thousands of hospital emergency room visits associated with snowblowers. Injuries most frequently occurred when operators tried to clear the auger/collector or discharge chute with their hands.

***Clearing clogs is the number one cause of snow-blower-related injuries. Take special care when clearing clogs by ALWAYS making sure the machine is off and NEVER use your hands or feet to clear a clog. Use a clearing tool or stick instead.***

### Safety tips for using snowblowers:

- Turn off the engine on a gas machine or unplug the motor on an electric model before clearing a clog at the auger or discharge chute. Then use the clearing tool or stick, never hands or feet, to remove the clog. Always assume that when the engine is running, the auger is spinning.
- Protect yourself from carbon-monoxide poisoning by starting and running gasoline-powered snow blowers outside, rather than in the garage or shed.
- Don't wear loose pants, jackets, or scarves, which can get tangled in a snow blower's moving parts.
- Wear sturdy footwear with good traction. Exercise caution when operating on slopes or gravelly areas.
- Wear ear plugs or other hearing protection, especially with gas-powered models.
- Thoroughly mix fuel to the proper gas/oil ratio. Add fuel to the machine only when the engine is off and cooled. Use an approved fuel container to hold the gasoline.
- For electric models, use an outdoor extension cord and an outlet with ground-fault-circuit-interrupting protection. Then be sure to keep the cord safely away from the spinning auger while working.
- Never direct the discharge chute toward people or areas where damage can occur. The blower can discharge hard objects much further than it can discharge snow.

# Bush Hog Recalls Riding Lawn Mowers Due to Laceration Hazard



The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, in cooperation with the firm named, has announced a voluntary recall of the following product. Consumers should stop using this product unless otherwise instructed. It is illegal to resell or attempt to resell a recalled consumer product.

Name of product:  
Bush Hog HDE riding lawn mowers

Recall Date:  
November 15, 2017

Hazard:  
The mower blade can separate from the spindle, posing a laceration hazard to the operator or bystanders.

Incidents/Injuries:  
The firm has received two reports of blade disengagement during product demonstrations. No injuries have been reported.

Description:  
This recall involves Bush Hog Zero Turn

Radius (ZTR) HDE riding lawn mowers sold in black with gray wheels and gray rollover protection structures (ROPs). HDE is printed on the left side of the unit beneath the seat. The mowers were manufactured on or before August 4, 2017. The manufacturing date is located on a plate on the right rear frame, underneath the fender. The 15-digit serial number includes the manufacture date in digits 9–11. Recalled mowers have a date code that represents the number of days since the beginning of the calendar year of 001 through 216 (January 1 through August 4). Mowers with a yellow bolt fastening the blade to the spindle have already been repaired.

Sold at:  
Bush Hog dealers nationwide from February 2017 to September 2017 for between \$6,200 and \$7,200.

Manufacturer(s):  
Bush Hog Inc., of Selma, Ala.

Manufactured in: U.S.

Units: About 500

Remedy:  
Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled lawn mowers and contact a Bush Hog dealer to arrange for a free repair.

Consumer Contact:  
Bush Hog toll-free at 877-873-0145 from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. CT Monday through Friday, or online at [www.bushhog.com](http://www.bushhog.com) and click "Safety Recall" for more information.



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## January Health Observances



*January 1 - 31*  
*National Radon Action Month*  
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Mail Code 6609T  
Washington, DC 20460  
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(202) 343-2394 Fax  
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