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**Private Pesticide Applicator Training; Core Re-Certification Credits Pending**

Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County and Cornell Cooperative Extension Chenango County will host a regional Private Pesticide Applicator Training, scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Fox Care Center Meeting Room, One Fox Care Center Drive in East End Oneonta. Applicants from Chenango, Delaware, Herkimer, Fulton, Montgomery, Otsego, and Schoharie counties are encouraged to attend. This training is designed for both those who are eligible to obtain a Certified Private (pesticide) Applicators license and those who currently hold either a private or commercial pesticide applicator license and are seeking core re-certification credits (CT – Core Training). Core re-certification credits are pending NYS DEC approval.

The fee for the training is \$10.00 per person; pre-registration is required by **Monday, March 16, 2009**. Additional materials required for the Private Pesticide Applicator Training are the Core Manual @ \$35.00 and a Sub-Category Manual @ \$30.00. The WPS (Worker Protection Standard) How-to-Comply manual @ \$12.00 also is required only for Category 24 - Greenhouse and Florist. Prices are subject to change and will be confirmed at pre-registration. To register and/or for more information, please call Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County at 518-234-4303 or email <[dme32@cornell.edu](mailto:dme32@cornell.edu)>.

An eligible candidate for a Certified Private Applicators license must be at least 17 years old and have at least one year of full-time experience within the last three years in the use of pesticides in the category in which certification is requested, or have

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completed a 30-hr. training course, or have received an associate's or higher level college degree which covers core and appropriate category topics. Categories of Private Certification are five Agricultural Plant Pest Control sub-categories; Field and Forage (21), Fruit (22), Vegetable (23), Greenhouse and Florist (24), and Nursery, Ornamentals and Turf (25); Agricultural Animal Pest Control (31); and Aquatic Pest Control (41). For more information about eligibility visit the Pesticide Education Safety Program website at <http://psep.cce.cornell.edu/certification/PrivateFactsheet.aspx> or call your respective Cornell Cooperative Extension Association. Cornell Cooperative Extension Schoharie County and Cornell Cooperative Extension Chenango County provide equal program and employment opportunities.

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