

Controlling Mosquitos in Texas: Which License Do You Need?

In Texas, pesticide applicators who practice mosquito control must have a proper license. There are two types of pesticide applicator licenses: agricultural (AG) and structural (SPCS). For mosquito control, the license needed depends on who is performing the work and the entity for which they are completing the application.

If you are performing mosquito control as a city, county or state employee, you are classified as a Noncommercial Political Subdivision (NCPS), and if you are a contracted business for a city, county, or state, you are classified as Commercial. In both instances, you need an agricultural license in the Public Health Pest Control category. [Click here](#) for more information about agricultural licenses.

If you are performing mosquito control for hire for any other entity such as a private individual or home owners association (HOA), you are performing nuisance mosquito control and need a structural license in the Pest category.

If you are installing a mosquito mister or misting system, the general rule is that you need a structural license in the Pest category. However, if you are only installing a mosquito mister or misting system and providing no additional services after the sale (i.e., no filling, refilling, mixing, loading of pesticides, etc.), a license is NOT REQUIRED.

To learn more about structural pest control business licenses, [click here](#). For information about structural pest control applicators licenses, [click here](#).

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License Type	Mosquito pest control by a political subdivision	Mosquito pest control by a person or contractor by a political -subdivision	Mosquito pest control for nuisance pest control by a commercial business (for nuisance mosquito control)	Installation and servicing of mosquito misting system by installation company (service means mixing, refilling device w/ pesticides)	Installation of mosquito misting system-no service after the sale (no mixing or refilling of device by company)	Installation of mosquito misting system for control of pests of animals in agricultural settings	Mosquito/fly pest control for control of pests of animals in agricultural settings (such as barns or stables) using general-use pesticides
SPCS-Commercial Pest category		X	X	X			
AG- Public Health Pest Control (NCPS)	X						
AG-Public Health Pest Control (Commercial)		X					
No License Required					X	X	X