

**For Immediate Release**

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**New Maine Restrictions on Certain Rodenticides and Herbicides Now in Effect**

The Maine Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) is notifying homeowners, pesticide users, retailers, and applicators that new restrictions on certain rodenticides and herbicides took effect on June 16, 2026.

Under the new rules, products containing the following active ingredients are now classified as Restricted Use Pesticides in Maine:

**Rodenticides**

- Brodifacoum
- Bromadiolone
- Difenacoum
- Difethialone

**Herbicides**

- Tebuthiuron

As a result, these products may only be purchased and used by individuals who hold a valid pesticide applicator license issued by the BPC.

General Use Pesticide Dealers may no longer sell products containing these active ingredients, and unlicensed individuals may no longer purchase or use them.

**What Homeowners Need to Know**

Homeowners and other unlicensed individuals who currently possess products containing these active ingredients may no longer use them. Existing products should be stored safely and disposed of properly.

Residents are encouraged to contact their local municipality to learn about household hazardous waste collection events. Additional information about pesticide disposal options, including facilities that accept pesticides and annual collection programs, is available through the [BPC website](#).

**Why the Rules Changed**

The restrictions were enacted in response to legislation passed by the 132nd Maine Legislature, including:

- [LD 356, Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Prohibit the Use of Rodenticides in Outdoor Residential Settings](#) (Resolve 2026, Chapter 47)
- [LD 1697, An Act to Increase Penalties to Deter Violations of the Laws Regarding Improper Pesticide Use](#) (Public Law 2026, Chapter 292)

The legislation was intended to limit the use of Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) and Tebuthiuron-containing herbicides by homeowners and other unlicensed individuals.

The Board has posted a list of [currently registered products affected by these restrictions](#). The list was generated on June 23, 2026, and may not include products that are not currently registered but could seek future registration in Maine. Users should consult the [Board's website](#) for the most current list of registered pesticide products.

For additional information, including the complete rule language contained in [01-026 CMR Chapter 40](#), contact the BPC at [pesticides@maine.gov](mailto:pesticides@maine.gov) or 207-287-2731.

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**Subject Line:** Effective June 16, 2026, Sales by General Use Dealers and purchases by unlicensed individuals are prohibited effective immediately

## **BODY**

Attention Pesticide Dealers and Applicators

Effective June 16, 2026, new rules adopted by the Maine Board of Pesticides Control (BPC) classify certain rodenticides and herbicides as Restricted-Use Pesticides (RUPs) in Maine.

As of that date

- General Use Pesticide dealers may no longer sell these products.
- Individuals who are not licensed by the BPC may no longer purchase or use these products.

### **Affected Active Ingredients**

Rodenticides

- Brodifacoum
- Bromadiolone
- Difenacoum
- Difethialone

Herbicides

- Tebuthiuron

Products containing these active ingredients may be sold only by RUP Dealers and may be purchased and used only by Maine-licensed Private and Commercial Applicators.

### **For GUP Dealers**

If you have any of these products in stock, they may no longer be offered for sale. Please contact your distributor regarding return options or arrange for disposal through a licensed hazardous waste disposal company. Contact the BPC Compliance Manager, José Gayoso, [jose.gayoso@maine.gov](mailto:jose.gayoso@maine.gov), with questions about disposal.

### **For Applicators and Users**

Pesticides containing Brodifacoum, Bromadiolone, Difenacoum, Difethialone, or Tebuthiuron may not be purchased or used by individuals who do not hold a current pesticide applicator license issued by the BPC.

This action implements legislation enacted by the 132nd Maine Legislature, including:

- [\*LD 356, Resolve, Directing the Board of Pesticides Control to Prohibit the Use of Rodenticides in Outdoor Residential Settings \(Resolve 2026, Chapter 47\)\*](#)
- [\*LD 1697, An Act to Increase Penalties to Deter Violations of the Laws Regarding Improper Pesticide Use \(Public Law 2026, Chapter 292\)\*](#)

These laws were intended to restrict homeowner and other unlicensed use of Second-Generation Anticoagulant Rodenticides (SGARs) and herbicides containing Tebuthiuron.

A list of currently registered products affected by this rule is available on the [BPC website](#). The list was generated on June 23, 2026, and may not include products that seek future registration in Maine. For the most current information on registered pesticide products, [visit the BPC website](#).

### **Becoming a Restricted Use Pesticide Dealer**

Dealers wishing to sell these products must:

- Pass the written dealer examination with a score of 80% or higher;
- Obtain a Restricted Use Pesticide Dealer License (\$60 for a three-year license); and
- Earn nine continuing education credits during each licensing period.

The complete rule language can be found in [01-026 CMR Chapter 40](#).

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