

2025 PAT Core Training

April 15-16 | Lewistown

This program is designed to train pesticide educators in understanding and teaching Montana Private Applicator core categories.

www.montana.edu/extension/pesticides/events/patcore

LOCATION

Calvert Hotel
216 7th Ave S
Lewistown, MT 59457

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REGISTRATION

Register by March 14

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INFORMATION

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DAY 1 – April 15

9:00 am	Welcome, Goals and Responsibilities of Local PAT Coordinators Dr. Cecil Tharp, MSU Extension Pesticide Education Specialist
9:20 am	Introduction to Pesticides Dr. Cecil Tharp, MSU Extension Pesticide Education Specialist
10:20 am	Core Topic: MT PAT Program Colleen Pegar, MSU Extension Agent – Hill County
10:50 am	Break
11:00 am	Core Topic: Pesticide Law and Recordkeeping Story Problem Beth Thomas, MDA Certification and Training Coordinator
12:00 pm	Lunch
12:30 pm	Core Topic: Reading the Pesticide Label and Story Problem Ben Hauptman, MSU Extension Agent - Granite County
1:10 pm	Core Topic: Pesticides and the Environment, Soil Demo Kits, and Story Problem Shelley Mills, MSU Extension Agent – Valley County Amy Bowser, MSU Extension Pesticide Education Technician
2:20 pm	Break
2:30 pm	Core Topic: Integrated Pest Management Dave Brink, MSU Extension Agent - Mineral County
3:30 pm	Core Topic: Pesticide Safety and Toxicity, PPE Kits, and Story Problem Amy Bowser, MSU Extension Pesticide Education Technician
5:00 pm	Adjourned for Evening



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DAY 2 – April 16

8:00 am	Introduction to Spray Equipment Dave Brink, MSU Extension Agent - Mineral County
8:30 am	Core Topic: Calibration, Demo Kit, and Story Problem Dr. Cecil Tharp, MSU Extension Pesticide Education Specialist
10:00 am	Break
10:15 am	PAT Licensing, Coordinating an Initial Private Applicator Program and PEP Website Amy Bowser, MSU Extension Pesticide Education Technician
11:15 pm	Certification and Training Update Dr. Cecil Tharp, MSU Extension Pesticide Education Specialist
12:00 pm	Surveys and Adjourned



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