

Connecticut General Statutes

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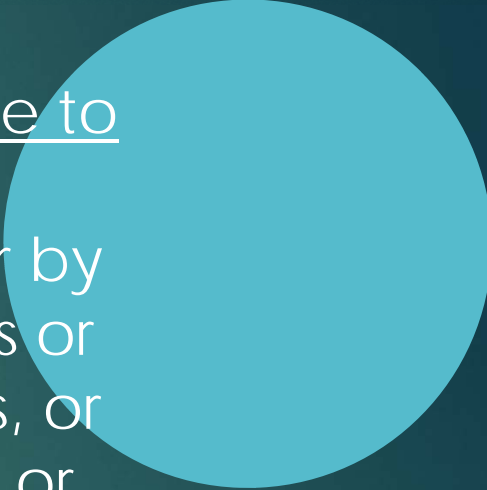
- ▶ Chapter 451- includes the arborist statutes
- ▶ CGS Sec 23-61a thru CGS Sec 23-61m



What is arboriculture?

Sec 23-61a

" **Arboriculture** means any work done for hire to improve the condition of fruit, shade or ornamental trees by feeding or fertilizing, or by pruning, trimming, bracing, treating cavities or other methods of improving tree conditions, or protecting trees from damage from insects or diseases or curing these conditions by spraying or any other method..."



The General Statutes simply state that it is unlawful to practice arboriculture without a license

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Sec 23-61b (a). Licensing for arboriculture. "No person shall advertise, solicit or contract to do arboriculture within this state at any time without a license ...except that any person may improve or protect any tree on such person's own premises or on the property of such person's employer without securing such a license..."

The arborist must know about proper arboricultural practices including the use of pesticides

CGS Sec 23-61b(b)

(b) The commissioner shall require the applicant to show upon examination that the applicant possesses adequate knowledge concerning the proper methods of arboriculture and the dangers involved and the precautions to be taken...together with knowledge concerning the proper use and application of pesticides and the danger involved and precautions to be taken in connection with their application..."

The arborist is a certified commercial pesticide applicator
(Supervisory)

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Sec 23-61b (b) "Any licensed arborist shall be considered to be a certified application under section 22a-54 with respect to the use of pesticides..."



The Arborist Business

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Must be registered with the Commissioner of DEEP

Renewed once per year, year ends August 31, annual fee \$240

Must employ an arborist to be an arborist business

If the company applies pesticides also, there is only one business registration for both pesticides and other arboriculture work.

Must keep records including specific information for pesticide work and also for arboriculture work not involving pesticides.

Arborist Regulations

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- ▶ Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (RCSA) for arborists
- ▶ RCSA Sec 23-61a-1 thru Sec 23-61a-7



Arborist Regulations

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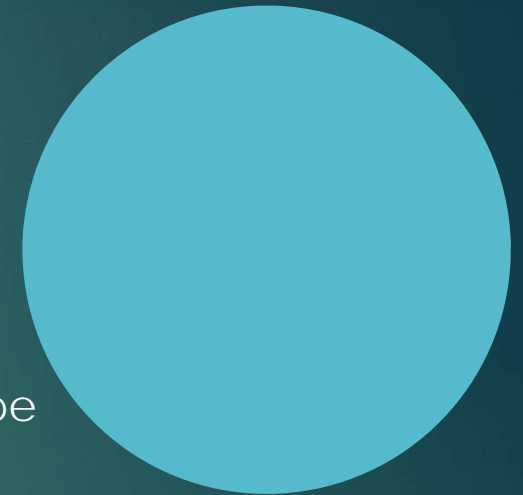
- ▶ RCSA Sec 23-61a-3 Licenses
- ▶ (a) an initial license is valid for five years and will need to be renewed by January 31 of that fifth year
- ▶ What does this mean?
 - ▶ RCSA Sec 23-61a-3(b) --- For each organization there shall be at least one licensed person actively engaged in supervisory duties for each ten unlicensed personnel actively engaged in arboriculture



Arborist Regulations

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- ▶ RCSA Sec 23-61a-6 Hearings, suspension and revocation
- ▶ For violating Arborist Statutes and regulations
- ▶ For engaging in substandard or improper workmanship
- ▶ For engaging in fraudulent practices regarding work to be performed.



Chapter 441

The Pesticide Control Act

CGS Sec 22a-46 thru 22a-66j

- ▶ Think like a supervisor-that is, a certified commercial supervisory pesticide applicator
- ▶ CGS Sec. 22a-46 thru 22a-66j. Review sections that pertain to arborists and arborists as supervisory pesticide applicators and pesticide application businesses and their associated regulations

So you want to spray trees?

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Why you need to know about using pesticides for the care of trees

- ▶ CGS Sec 22a-54. Pesticide applicators,... (h)
- ▶ "...The commissioner shall prescribe standards for certification of arborists, as defined in subsection (a) of section 23-61a, with respect to the application of pesticides. The standards shall provide that in order to be certified, an individual shall be competent with respect to the use and handling of the pesticide or class of pesticides covered by such individual's application. "

Understanding the terminology related to the Pesticide Control Act

- ▶ Sec 22a-47 Definitions
- ▶ Pesticide
- ▶ Restricted-Use Pesticide
- ▶ Certified applicator
- ▶ Commercial applicator

Site

Place

Junior Operator/Operator

"Senior Operator" -No

- ▶ See also RCSA Sec 22a-66-1 and 22a-66-5

There are two classifications for commercial pesticide applicators

- ▶ Supervisory (The supervisor)
- ▶ Operational (Operator/ Junior Operator)
- ▶ Currently, every "Operator" is understood to be a "Jr Operator"

What classification of commercial applicator is the Arborist?

Supervisory Applicator (Arborist)

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- ▶ Duties and Responsibilities
- ▶ Records
- ▶ Written Instructions

