

Extension Agents / PAT Coordinators / Retailers. Resale of verbenone illegal without a valid pesticide dealers license.

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Verbenone is being considered by many producers, applicators and homeowners as a means of controlling future mountain pine beetle infestations. MDA has reported that some unlicensed individuals have ordered verbenone (in bulk) for the purpose of local distribution or sale. General use pesticides, including verbenone, that have use directions outside of the home, yard, lawn and/or garden area cannot be distributed, sold or even given away for free, without a valid pesticide dealers license.

Verbenone has multiple use areas and therefore can only be sold by retailers with a pesticide dealers license from the Montana Department of Agriculture. Many licensed dealers are quickly stocking up on Verbenone for the upcoming clientele demand. If you cannot purchase verbenone from a local dealer, it is available direct from two Canadian corporations:

Contech, Incorporated

7572 Progress Way
Delta, B.C. Canada V4G 1E9
Phone: 604-940-9944
FAX: 604-940-9433
e-mail: don.fowler@contech-inc.com
<http://www.pherotech.com>

Synergy Semiochemical Corporation

Box 50008, South Slope RPO
Burnaby, B.C. Canada V5J 5G3
Phone: 604-454-1122
FAX: 604-568-8502
e-mail: synergy@semiochemical.com
<http://www.semiochemical.com>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Contact your local MDA officer (<http://www.agr.mt.gov/dept/staff.asp>) or myself (Cecil Tharp, ctharp@montana.edu, 406-994-5067) if you have further questions regarding this issue.