

CanadaGAP Checklist for June 2024

Prepared for the Ontario Apple Growers

- **Make sure that you are cleaning your sprayers in a responsible manner, away from water sources**
 - Auditor may ask to see where the sprayers had been cleaned during the season
- **Make sure that you are up-to-date on your CanadaGAP enrollment fees**
 - If this is your first year then you need to enroll in the program. The enrolment forms can be found on the CanadaGAP website
- **Continue to record all your pesticide applications on CanadaGAP Form H1**
- **Continue to record all your fertilizer applications on CanadaGAP Form H2**
 - Keep accurate records of all fertilizer applications including ground, foliar and fertigation
- **Record all maintenance to your UV system on CanadaGAP Form I, if applicable**
 - Record all bulb changes and cleanings
 - Keep a copy of the owner's manual so you can prove to an auditor that you are following the manufacturer's recommendations. It is especially important for you to change the UV bulb at the required frequency.
- **Check that neighbouring operations aren't posing a food safety risk to your operation**
 - No adjacent areas where livestock excrement, dust, aerosols or feathers may drift or leach in from
 - No adjacent areas where crop inputs may drift or leach in from
 - See pages 3 & 4 of the CanadaGAP Manual for the full list of possible risks
- **Do not use untreated sewage water for cleaning, irrigation, fertigation, or chemical applications**
 - This is an automatic failure
- **Make sure that cleaning and maintenance products are appropriate for their intended use**
 - Store in a clean and dry location
 - Prevent spills and leaks from these products
 - Ensure the labels are intact and legible
 - Store separate from apples, equipment, waste, agricultural chemicals and other sources of contamination
- **Review sections 1 to 7 of your CanadaGAP Manual**
 - Mark sections "N/A" if they do not apply to your operation
 - Date and initial in the boxes provided at the end of each section
- **Make sure all hoses used for potable water are stored with their ends off the ground and in a manner that prevents contamination**
 - These hoses need to be flushed with potable water before each use

Pesticide Storages

- Make sure the storage is tidy and does not contain any materials that should not be there (i.e. personnel protective equipment, picking bags, etc.)**
- Fertilizers in the storage should be kept separate from pesticides**
- Make sure there is a warning sign on the door**
- Make sure you can still read the labels on all of the jugs, bulk containers and bags (pesticides, fertilizers, surfactants, etc.)**
 - If not, re-label them with the appropriate information
- Keep the storage locked**
 - Provide access only to trained individuals
- Make sure the storage is covered, clean and dry**
- Keep all bags and jugs properly sealed to prevent spills**
- Check off all the boxes on the bottom, right-hand corner of CanadaGAP Form A**

NOTE: throughout these checklists there are references to the CanadaGAP Forms. These forms can be downloaded off the CanadaGAP website - www.canadagap.ca.

These forms can also be generated in Croptracker - <https://www.croptracker.com/>.

Growers can also use their own custom forms in lieu of CanadaGAP Forms however these custom forms must contain all the necessary information outlined on the CanadaGAP Forms.

DISCLAIMER: These checklists are only for the growing, harvesting and storage of apples. Operations involved in fluming, packing, brokerage, wholesaling or in the production of other crops may need to meet additional criteria not mentioned in the checklists. Every reasonable effort has been made to ensure accuracy but ultimately the CanadaGAP Manual for Fresh Fruits and Vegetables (v 10.0) is the reference for your on-farm food safety program and audit.