

# Mothballed Vineyards Policy

For those vineyards or blocks that have been temporarily taken out of production to save costs  
Applicable from July 1, 2026. Sunsets December 31, 2029, at which point we will reassess.

## Policy

If a LIVE member has removed an entire vineyard or portions of it from production during the current industry contraction, they may for the period of one growing season<sup>1</sup>, disregard the prohibition of those active ingredients not listed on the [LIVE Yellow List of Approved Pesticides](#) on those blocks not producing grapes for wine. The sole exclusion to this policy is any copper formulation.

Growers must still continue to maintain appropriate mode of action rotations and resistance management limits, as well as limits on sulfur for powdery mildew and mites. Growers must also maintain applicable buffer zones when spraying [Salmon Safe High Hazard List](#) chemistries on the vineyard. They will also need to abide by any label restrictions including buffers and protections for aquatics, pollinators, invertebrates, workers, etc.

The [LIVE Red List](#), i.e. the list of pesticides that are *never* allowed on LIVE vineyards, will still be in effect. Additional active ingredients may be added to this list in 2027 as basic protections resultant from this policy.

Please be aware that IOBC policy prohibits under normal conditions:

*The use of insecticides with a broad-spectrum. Only for secondary pests their use can be permitted if no other methods are available or when mandatory control of quarantine organisms is required. Their eventual use must be justified by monitoring and overtaking of a tolerance threshold:*

- Pyrethroids and acaricides
- Organochlorine insecticides and acaricides
- Acaricides if safer alternatives exist
- All acaricides toxic to phytoseiid mites
- Toxic, water polluting or very persistent herbicides (e.g. Diquat, Paraquat).

LIVE's Yellow List does include highly restricted applications of vetted active ingredients from some of the categories above, so please proceed with extreme care.

If there are items on the LIVE Checklist that a grower feels are particularly not applicable to mothballed sites, please select N/A and enter 'mothballed' in the notes for the inspector. Compliance with LIVE Checklist items will be at the discretion of the LIVE inspector to evaluate based on individual site characteristics and history. It would also be helpful to provide a written description of your mothballing activities when reporting for the year. Please contact your regional technical committee chair, LIVE staff, or your inspector with any questions.

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<sup>1</sup> In addition to the remainder of 2026

Additional Resources: [Mothballing Vineyards](#) (OSU) | [Idling Vineyards in the Pacific Northwest](#) (WSU)