

Ontario Provincial Premises Registry: Registering is Easy and Free

Accurate premises verification and identification is critical to the strength of Ontario's agriculture and food sectors. Being able to trace your products as they move through the supply chain on their way to the customer is beneficial because it can protect your reputation in a food safety incident and open new market opportunities.

Established in 2008, the Provincial Premises Registry (PPR) registers unique parcels of land in Ontario associated with agri-food activities. Registering is completely voluntary, and provides the following benefits:

- Premises identification can strengthen your business by improving your market advantage and protecting your brand. It's what retailers are demanding from their suppliers.
- An accurate premises registry enables the Ontario government to swiftly respond to incidents that could financially harm agri-food businesses, such as weather-related disasters, animal or plant disease outbreaks or contaminated food incidents.
- Registering with the PPR is the only way to obtain a Premises Identification Number (PID) in Ontario. Possession of a PID also qualifies you to participate in various agricultural programs.

How to Register

Registering your premises is quick, easy and free. Simply fill out the online application form at www.ontarioppr.ca or call Angus GeoSolutions Inc. (AGSI is the official Registrar of the Ontario PPR), at 1-855-697-7743 to register in English or French.

You will be asked to describe the agricultural or agri-food activities that occur on your premises, to provide emergency contact information for your business and to accept the PPR consent statement. You will need to have

your Assessment Roll Number - your tax assessment number from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) handy, or if not, you will need to provide one of the following:

- Latitude and longitude coordinates from a global positioning system
- Legal land description (lot, concession number and township of the premises)
- Municipal address of the premises to be registered

If you decide to register online

- Visit www.ontarioppr.ca and click on "Register Now".
- Enter your contact information. Enter your premises information and indicate the activities occurring on the premises.
- You will be asked to read and accept the PPR consent statement.
- When you have completed the information categories related to the premises, you have the option to exit, to register a sub-premises (see article #3 in this series for more information) or register another Premises ID.

Once your premises information has been validated by AGSI, your premises will be assigned a unique Premises Identification Number. A PPR certificate will be mailed or e-mailed to you. Most certificates are sent out within two business days of receiving your updated information. You may be contacted if any discrepancies or questions arise.

While voluntary, participation in the PPR can benefit your business' bottom line and it is quick and easy to do. Go online or call today to get started.