

Pesticides in your home

Insecticides

- Kill or repel flying and crawling insects, ticks, fleas and mites
- Garden dusts
- Animal shampoos and skin products
- Insect repellents and foggers
- Ant and roach baits

Herbicides

- Kill unwanted plants (weeds and crabgrass)
- Weed killers
- Weed and feed lawn care products
- Cut-stump treatments
- Sewer line treatments

Rodenticides

- Kill rats, mice and moles
- Mouse and rat baits and pellets

Fungicides

- Kills fungus, algae and mildew
- Bathroom mildew removers
- Paint additives and mildew inhibitors
- Rose and flower sprays
- Pool, aquarium and pond treatments
- Treated seeds

Any pesticide can be harmful to an adult or child if not used or stored according to the instructions found on the label and in this brochure.



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Pesticides: Staying safe and reducing health risks



Prevent pesticide poisonings.
Know how to keep your family safe.



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Safely storing pesticides

Keep pesticides in their original containers. Moving pesticides to soda bottles or food jars may cause someone to mistake it for a sports drink or food.

Store pesticides:

- High and out of reach
- In a closed container with the original label
- In a cool, dry area
- Away from fire and heat
- Away from food, silverware, toys and pets

Do not burn, reuse or recycle containers.

Harmful effects

Using too much of a pesticide or not using it as directed can be harmful to adults and children.

Harmful effects of pesticides may include:

- Choking/difficulty breathing
- Burning of eyes, nose and mouth
- Skin blisters or irritation
- Vomiting/diarrhea
- Dizziness/headache
- Seizures/loss of consciousness

Immediate First Aid

Eyes: Flush with cool water.

Skin: Remove contaminated clothing and flush skin with cool water.

Inhaled: Get into fresh air.

Swallowed: Do not force vomiting

ALWAYS contact the Poison Center if a pesticide has been swallowed, inhaled or been in contact with the eyes.

Protective clothing

Pesticides can be absorbed through the eyes and skin, as well as by inhaling or swallowing. Follow the label regarding protective gear and clothing.

Protective clothing helps keep you safe and should include the following:

- Safety glasses or goggles with shields if spraying
- Long-sleeved shirt with sleeves over gloves
- Rubber or latex gloves. Cloth or leather gloves are not safe.
- Long pants covering footwear
- Shoes or boots with socks. Liquid pesticides that soak clothing can have contact with the skin and be absorbed into the body.

When finished with the product:

- Clean all equipment.
- Store leftover pesticide only in its original container.
- Do not leave any pesticide or equipment unattended.
- Place pesticides high and far out of reach of children.
- Leave wet or soiled shoes outside your home.
- Wash soiled clothing separate from other clothes.

Follow all label directions

Read the label before you buy and use pesticide.

The label will list:

- Ingredients
- Medical and environmental hazards
- Emergency contact numbers
- Indications and areas for use
- Appropriate means of application

Pesticides can be carried in the wind, contaminating objects nearby. Spray only in calm weather and confine spraying to target areas.

Do not use near:

- Children
- Toys
- Pets
- Food
- Eating or cooking utensils

Apply pesticides only according to the product label, never use outside products indoors and do not use animal products on a child.



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