

Remember these guidelines

- Store pesticides in locked cabinets.
- Always store pesticides in their original containers with their tops tightly closed.
- Never store pesticides in any food or drink containers.
- Never store pesticides in cabinets near food, drinking water, animal feed, medical supplies, protective clothing, seed, fertilizers or gasoline.
- Keep pesticides stored in cool, dry areas to avoid temperature extremes.
- Store dry pesticides above liquid pesticides.
- Never store pesticides in application equipment.
- Reduce storage needs by buying only the amount and type of pesticide needed for the intended season.
- Read the label!
- Keep emergency numbers handy.

Getting help

If you think somebody has symptoms of pesticide exposure, act now!

Call the Oregon Poison Center Hotline at 1-800-222-1222.

Help is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

For non-emergency information on pesticides, call the National Pesticide Information Center at [1-800-858-7378](tel:1-800-858-7378). Help is available between 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. PT, 7 days a week. Or visit www.npic.orst.edu.

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What you need to know about...



Storing a Pesticide

Where should you store pesticides?

A 1992 nationwide study by the Environmental Protection Agency revealed that almost half of surveyed households with children under the age of 5 had at least one pesticide stored within children's reach. Proper pesticide storage helps prolong chemical shelf life while protecting

the health of people, animals and the environment.



Always read the product label for specific storage information.

Store pesticides in locked cabinets.



Store pesticides in locked cabinets (preferably metal) at least 5 feet above ground away from children and pets. Even if you don't have children, relatives and

friends may bring their children to your home.

Avoid storing pesticides in areas where a spill could get into a well, groundwater or surface water.

Always store pesticides in their original containers with their tops tightly closed.

The pesticide label should be attached to or accompany the product at all times.

Never store pesticides in any food or drink containers.



People, especially children, recognize the shape and color of these types of containers, and they may mistake them for something safe to eat or drink, causing an accidental poisoning.

Never store pesticides in cabinets near food, drinking water, animal feed, medical supplies, protective clothing, seed, fertilizers or gasoline.

This will prevent contamination of these products from vapors, dusts, or spills, and reduce the likelihood of accidental human, animal or environmental exposure.

Keep pesticides stored in cool, dry areas to avoid temperature extremes.

Very high or very low temperatures can cause pesticide deterioration.

Store dry pesticides above liquid pesticides.



This will prevent the liquid pesticide from spilling or leaking onto the dry pesticides and contaminating them.

Never store pesticides in application equipment.

To avoid the problem of excess mixture, carefully calculate and measure the amount of pesticide required for the application. After applying, if excess mixture remains in application equipment, such as sprayers and spreaders, it should be applied according to label directions to your property.

Reduce storage needs by buying only the amount and type of pesticide needed for the intended season.

Mark the date of purchase on the container and use older products first. An annual inventory will help eliminate the accumulation of old and outdated pesticides, which can become less effective after they are opened.

Read the label!

Follow the storage directions on the label for more specific or special requirements to prevent degradation, contamination and accidental exposure.



Keep emergency numbers handy.

Keep emergency numbers near your storage area and/or the phone, including the one below:

