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pesticide safety tips

- Always read the label before buying or using pesticides. Use pesticides only for the purpose(s) listed and in the manner directed.
- Do not apply more than the specified amount of pesticide. Overdoses can harm you and the environment.
- Keep pesticides away from food and dishes.
- Keep children and pets away from pesticides and sprayed areas.
- Do not smoke while spraying.
- Avoid inhalation of pesticides.
- Never spray outdoors on a windy day.
- Pesticides that require special protective clothing or equipment should be used only by trained, experienced applicators.
- If you mix pesticides, do it carefully to avoid splashing.
- Avoid breaks or spills of pesticide containers.
- If you spill a pesticide on your skin or on your clothing, wash with soap and water and change your clothing immediately.
- Store pesticides under lock in the original containers with proper labels. Never transfer a pesticide to a container, such as a soft drink bottle, that would attract children.
- Dispose of empty containers safely. Wrap single containers of home-use products in several layers of newspaper, tie securely and place in a covered trash can. Never burn boxes or sacks. In case of farm or ranch use, single containers may be buried where water supplies will not be contaminated. Dispose of large quantities in special incinerators or special landfills.
- Wash with soap and water after using pesticides, and launder your clothes before wearing them again.
- If someone swallows a pesticide, check the label for first aid treatment. Call or go to the doctor or the hospital immediately and keep the pesticide label with you.

