



8 Things You Should Know

Pesticides and herbicides are poisons that can have serious health consequences for people, pets and local waters. Children are especially vulnerable to pesticide poisonings.

If you do use pesticides and herbicides:

1. Choose wisely.

Identify your specific pest and select the least-toxic product that will control it.

2. More isn't better.

Use spot treatments. Apply chemicals only to the affected area and use the minimum amount required.

3. Follow the label.

Never apply more than the rate listed on the label and, if using a concentrate, mix only as much as you need right away.

4. Watch the weather.

Do not spray before rain or during windy conditions.

5. Avoid hard surfaces.

Sidewalks, driveways, foundations and other hard surfaces can wash pesticides into storm drains and waterways.

6. Store properly.

Purchase and/or dilute only what you will use immediately. Keep products tightly capped in their original containers. If you must transfer a small amount, label clearly and do not transfer to anything resembling a beverage container. If you don't use the product in a timely manner, give it to a friend or neighbor.
