

PESTICIDE LABELS

The pesticide label is a legal document.
Misuse of a pesticide product is a violation of the law.

The label provides information about:

- the active ingredient
- how to mix and apply the product
- when and where to apply the product
- how to store and dispose of the product
- safety and environmental precautions
- first aid instructions

Table 1 - Criteria for Hazard Labeling

Precautionary Symbols - Degree of Hazard



Danger - products can cause severe damage (eye or skin irritation) or be highly toxic



Warning - products are moderately toxic, if ingested, absorbed or inhaled



Caution - products are slightly toxic if ingested, absorbed or inhaled

Type of Hazard and Signal Words



Poison



Flammable



Corrosive



Explosive

Eye Hazard

Skin Hazard

Example of Hazard Labeling found on pesticide container.



DANGER POISON
these products are highly toxic by any route of entry

For more information, contact:

York Region

York Region Health Services

Health Connection

1-800-361-5653

or

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"Reduce the Use of Pesticides" pamphlet

Health Canada's Healthy Lawns Website
www.healthylawns.net

Health Canada's Pest Management
Information Service
1-800-267-6315

Ontario Ministry of Agriculture,
Food and Rural Affairs
1-800-567-8898

Environment Canada
613-952-8675

Ontario Ministry of the Environment
www.ene.gov.on.ca

Region of York Household Hazardous
Waste Depots - Transportation and Works
hhw@region.york.on.ca

Pesticide Use ... A Last Resort



A Resource on Safe Pesticide Use

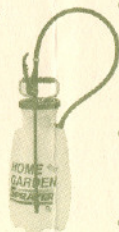
ATTACHMENT 1

York Region

CHOOSE THE PROPER PESTICIDE

Consider the following when choosing a pesticide:

- Properly identify the insect, weed, disease, or other pest that you are attempting to control.
- Consult with a licensed professional to treat the problem pest.
- Consider non-hazardous or less hazardous pesticide products to eliminate or control the pest.
- Read and follow all label directions and safety precautions.
- Only buy the amount required for the job .



PROTECTIVE CLOTHING AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT

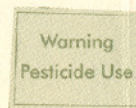
Read the pesticide label carefully and follow all directions concerning necessary protective clothing and equipment. At a minimum, you should have the following protective items available when handling pesticides:

- **Clothing** - long-sleeved shirts, long trousers or coveralls made of tightly woven fabric or a water-repellent material
- **Rubber gloves** - shirt sleeves worn over gloves, not tucked inside, to prevent spills from running down the inside of the glove
- **Waterproof boots** - pants worn over boots, not tucked inside
- **Breathing / Eye protection** - safety goggles, dust mask or cartridge respirator as required



APPLY PESTICIDES SAFELY

- Post appropriate warning signs and notify neighbours so that children may be kept away from the treated area.
- Avoid spraying in wind conditions over 10 km/hr or over-spraying.
- Apply the product in the morning or evening.
- Only spot treat infested areas.
- Keep children and pets away from treated surfaces or plants until the spray has dried or the dust has settled, or as indicated on the product label. (typically 24 hrs)
- Never mix different pesticides unless specified on the label.
- Never eat, drink, or smoke when applying pesticides. Wash your hands with soap and water immediately after job is completed.
- Clean all equipment after use.
- Ensure all equipment is in good condition and operating properly.
- Keep records of: a) the pesticide used, b) application rate, c) temperature and wind conditions, d) location of the application.



**PESTICIDE USE IS REGULATED BY THE
ONTARIO MINISTRY OF THE ENVIRONMENT
UNDER THE PESTICIDES ACT.**

STORE PESTICIDES SAFELY

The storage of any pesticide product in any container other than the original container is against the law. Follow these safety precautions when storing pesticides:

- Always store pesticides with their label attached and the container lid tightly closed.
- Immediately replace damaged or destroyed labels.
- Keep all chemicals out of reach of children and pets.
- Keep pesticide containers away from food or pet food products.
- Lock all chemicals in a storage facility with a sign that indicates that pesticides are stored inside.
- Check containers frequently for cracks and leaks.
- Keep away from heat sources and protect containers from freezing.

DISPOSE OF PESTICIDES SAFELY

- Contact the Region of York Household Hazardous Waste Depot for location and hours of operation for disposal of empty or expired containers.
- Do not dump pesticides into any drainage system.
- If a leak or spill occurs, clean it up immediately. Scatter sawdust, pet litter, or another absorbent material over the spilled pesticide.

