

PROTECT YOURSELF. HANDLE CHEMICALS SAFELY.



Always take time to read and understand the entire pesticide label and detailed instructions before using or handling any pesticide. **Then re-read all bold print.** Protect yourself by learning more best practices on handling chemicals safely.

- 1 Don't use a tank mixture** of two or more chemicals unless the mixture has label clearance.
- 2 Don't hurry when using chemicals.** Rushing promotes spilled chemicals, the wrong chemicals in the sprayer and the wrong rate of application.
- When pouring and mixing chemicals, be sure the breeze **blows the chemicals away from you.**
- 4 Wear long-sleeved shirts, long pants, shoes, socks, and hat or scarf, rubber gloves, and chemical goggles** to protect your yourself from pesticide residues. Wash all clothing, gloves and caps before wearing them again.
- 5 Apply chemicals on relatively calm days to reduce spray drift.** Operate the sprayer at the lowest recommended pressure to minimize drift.
- 6 Mix only the amount of pesticide needed for the job.** Use your best judgment when disposing of leftover spray or used containers. Rinse containers three times and pour the rinsate into the sprayer tank.
- 7 Thoroughly rinse sprayer tank and hoses before changing pesticides** or repairing equipment. Contamination may not be completely eliminated but can be minimized.
- 8 Be familiar with chemical poisoning symptoms.** Dizziness, headaches, upset stomach, blurred vision and excessive sweating are symptoms of poisoning from several pesticides.
- 9 See a doctor any time you do not feel well** and have handled a chemical within the past 12 hours. Take the label along so the doctor will know which chemical caused the poisoning.
- 10 If a pesticide is spilled on skin, wash the affected area with soap and water.** Remove any contaminated clothing and put on clean clothes before continuing. If water and soap are not nearby, rinse in clean water from springs, streams or lakes.
- 11 Stay out of treated areas when told or when signs are displayed,** and when a pesticide application is taking place.
- 12 Wash your hands immediately** before you eat, drink, smoke, chew gum, use the restroom or phone.
- 13 Wash work clothes** after each use and keep separate from non-work clothing.



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