



Pesticide Regulations, Rules and Rules-of-Thumb

Checklists and Other Aids for Selecting and Using Pesticides

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Pesticide Storage

Move toward **ZPS** - Zero Pesticide Storage. Review the TPQ reporting thresholds of SARA Title III, and report hazardous material storage if you exceed TPQ levels.

PRIORITIZE PESTICIDES FOR DISPOSAL

Know what kind and volume of pesticides you have in storage. Get rid of unwanted or unneeded products safely at the next Hazardous Waste Amnesty Day. Products with the highest priority for disposal include:

- T pesticides in containers without labels or with unreadable labels;
- T containers that are out-of-date or pesticides whose registration has been canceled.

MINIMIZE STORAGE

- G Inventory the remaining products. Use stored chemicals first.
- G Avoid future carryover by not over-ordering.
- G Take delivery just before application. Shortened storage time to weeks or days.
- G Use mini-bulk systems with returnable empty tanks when possible.
- G Return unopened containers to your dealer, if possible.
- G Consider applying small amounts of unwanted labeled pesticides to a labeled site.

IF YOU MUST STORE, follow label directions. **Keep all pesticides out of reach of children!** Consider these storage guidelines:

- G **Store Separately:** Don't store pesticides where livestock can have access or where feed, seed, fertilizers and other items can be contaminated.
- G **Location:** Separate structure located away from offices or workshops.
- G **Storage Facilities:**
 - flooring:** impermeable - concrete, synthetic materials or sheet metal; curbing to retain spilled materials;
 - shelving:** expanded metal with corrosion-resistant coating;

walls and ceiling: concrete block or steel walls; fire resistant ceiling materials.

- G Ventilation:** Automatically operating fan that starts when door is opened or lights turned on which exhaust to the outside of building.
- G Locking Door:** Lock doors to provide security.
- G Posting/Placards:** Mark area with "Warning-Pesticides" placard on doors, exterior wall.
- G Safety Equipment:** Emergency showers (decontamination area) and eye wash station located outside of storage room on the wall next to the door; Personal Protection Equipment located outside pesticide storage area.
- G Empty Containers:** Keep empty, triple-rinsed containers in a locked storage area until you can properly dispose of them; recycle as many plastic containers as possible.
- G Spill Clean-Up:** Spill clean-up kit with absorbent material, shovel, broom, and buckets located outside the storage room, but readily available in case of a spill.