

HOW TO READ A PESTICIDE LABEL



Read the label of any pesticide to identify the name, ingredients, directions, and potential harmful effects on children and staff. Remember pesticides should be used as a last resort. The following is a quick overview of key things to look for on the label:

<p>PRECAUTIONARY STATEMENTS</p> <p>The precautionary statements describe potential harmful effects to people, animals or the environment and actions you can take to reduce those effects, like wearing gloves or other personal protective equipment.</p>	<p>PRODUCT NAME[®]</p> <p>COMMON NAME CHEMICAL NAME</p> <p>ACTIVE INGREDIENT _____ % INERT INGREDIENTS _____ %</p> <p>The product or brand name is prominently displayed on the front label. Brand names are different from active ingredients.</p>	<p>KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN</p> <p>The active ingredient is the chemical that kills the pest. Inert or other ingredients do not directly kill the pests, but instead help the active ingredients work.</p>
<p>DIRECTIONS FOR USE</p> <p>The directions for use tell you where, when and how to use the pesticide safely and when to re-enter the treated area. Follow these directions precisely. This section also tells you what kind of pest this product was designed to kill.</p>	<p>FIRST AID</p> <p>STATEMENT OF TREATMENT</p> <p>IF SWALLOWED..... IF INHALED..... IF ON SKIN..... IF ON EYES.....</p> <p>The first aid section tells you what to do if the product is swallowed, breathed in (inhaled), or has made contact with the skin or eyes.</p>	<p>INDOOR SURFACES</p> <p>_____</p> <p>OUTDOOR SURFACES</p> <p>_____</p> <p>CAUTION</p> <p>The signal words such as Caution, Warning, Danger, or Danger–Poison refer to the short-term or acute effects of the active ingredient.</p>
<p>STORAGE & DISPOSAL</p> <p>The storage and disposal instructions tell you how to store and dispose of leftover pesticides.</p>	<p>MFG. BY _____ CITY, STATE _____ ESTABLISHMENT NO _____ EPA REGISTRATION NO _____ NET CONTENTS _____</p> <p>The Environmental Protection Agency registration number ensures that the pesticide and the language on the label have been reviewed by the U.S. EPA.</p>	<p>HAZARD TO</p> <p>_____</p> <p>WARRANTY STATEMENT</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>

For more information on reading a pesticide label, see the U.S. EPA "Read the Label First" – www.epa.gov/pesticides/label/index.html.