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:

**PRODUCT NAME**

- **COMMON NAME**
- **CHEMICAL NAME**
- **ACTIVE INGREDIENT** __%__
- **INERT INGREDIENTS** __%__

The product or brand name is prominently displayed on the front label. Brand names are different from active ingredients.

**FIRST AID**

**STATEMENT OF TREATMENT**
- IF SWALLOWED......................
- IF INHALED.........................
- IF ON SKIN.........................
- IF ON EYES.........................

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.

**MFG. BY______________________**
**CITY, STATE___________________**
**ESTABLISHMENT NO____**
**EPA REGISTRATION NO____**
**NET CONTENTS________________**

The Environmental Protection Agency registration number ensures that the pesticide and the language on the label have been reviewed by the U.S. EPA.

**KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN**

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.

**HAZARD TO**

**WARRANTY STATEMENT**

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