

# PESTICIDE SAFETY TIPS

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## READ THE LABEL

Always read the pesticide product label before you purchase, use, store, or dispose of a pesticide or its container. The label will answer any questions or concerns you have and can keep you from making mistakes.

## TAKE NOTE OF SIGNAL WORDS

Pesticide product labels display signal words (as shown to the right), which indicate the product's acute toxicity.

**DANGER**

**WARNING**

**CAUTION**



## WEAR PROPER PPE

PPE stands for Personal Protective Equipment and it refers to the clothing and devices you should wear to protect yourself while working with pesticides. At minimum you should always wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, socks, and close-toed shoes.

## STORE IN ORIGINAL CONTAINER(S)

Always store pesticides in their original containers complete with labels, and never transfer them into containers like soda bottles.



## KEEP OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN AND PETS

To prevent accidental spills and poisonings, keep pesticides away from children and pets, preferably in a locked cabinet.

## CONSIDER IPM

IPM stands for Integrated Pest Management and is an assessment-based, ecological approach to controlling pests. IPM programs can help reduce pesticide use.

