



Checklist

Pesticide and Herbicide Safety

Using a pesticide and/or herbicide in your profession to keep plants healthy, beautiful and rid of pests? Follow these tips to ensure your safety during product handling and usage.

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Follow the instructions on the label explicitly!	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wear the protective clothing that the label requires—long-sleeved shirts, long pants, overalls, non-absorbent gloves (no leather or fabric), rubber boots (no canvas or leather), hat, gloves, eye protection, masks, aprons, face respirators and/or dust mist filter.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dry or water-based products require waterproof protection. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Products formulated or diluted with solvents other than water require chemical-resistant protection. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clothing made of 100% cotton that is twill, such as denim, provides more protection than other fabrics. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply starch to your clothing to resist the herbicide/pesticide because it traps the chemicals and reduces the amount that can pass through to your skin. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check garments for defects before using them. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Label your boots with the first date of usage as the material will absorb the pesticides and herbicides over time. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not smoke, eat or use the restroom directly following or while you are mixing and applying products: they can easily travel to parts of your body and make you sick.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Notice statements on the label regarding entry routes.	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the product warns against exposure to the eyes, skin or clothing, you know the product can enter through the skin. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the product warns against breathing in dust or spray mist, you should wear a respirator to protect your lungs. 	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep pesticides and herbicides in their original, manufactured container.	<input type="checkbox"/>
If the product does spill, sprinkle sawdust, vermiculite or cat litter onto the surface. Then, sweep it into a plastic bag and dispose of it based on the direction label or the guidelines specified by your municipality.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do not use these products when winds are higher than 10 mph so that the product does not blow in your face.	<input type="checkbox"/>
Be safe and mindful of other employees while using the product.	<input type="checkbox"/>

Pesticides and herbicides are designed to hurt pests...don't let them hurt you while on the job!

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