

National sources

National Pesticide Information Center
(800) 858-7378 M-F 8:30 am - 6:30 pm
<http://npic.orst.edu>

- product information
- toxicology
- recognizing poisonings in humans and animals
- complaint referrals
- environmental effects

Chemical Referral Center
(800) 262-8200

- refers callers to appropriate pesticide manufacturer for further information on product use and precautions

Internet sources

Extension TOXicology NETwork (EXTOXNET)
<http://ace.orst.edu/info/extoxnet/>

- toxicology
- health and environmental effects
- pesticide information profiles

Pesticide Poisoning Handbook
<http://hammock.ifas.ufl.edu/txt/fairs/19729>

- pesticide poisoning symptoms and treatment

Home PEST seeks to provide homeowners with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about pesticides.

This publication is available from your county Cooperative Extension office.

The Home PEST project was developed by the University of Wisconsin-Extension Pesticide Applicator Training (PAT) program.

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Questions about pesticides?



Home PEST

Home Pesticide Education & Safety Training
University of Wisconsin-Extension

Questions about pesticides cover topics from proper application to accidental poisoning. Unfortunately, there is no single source for answers to all of these questions.

To help you find the answers, this brochure lists several sources useful to anyone who applies or is exposed to pesticides.

Product label

Your first and most accessible source of information on any pesticide is the product label.

On the product label you will find:

- First aid measures
- Exposures that warrant medical attention
- Directions for use
- Technical information about the product
- Environmental hazard information
- Storage and disposal information
- Manufacturer's and/or emergency telephone number

Local pesticide information sources

Use the blanks to write in names and numbers of your local contacts.

Retailers

Retailers of lawn care products

- pesticide warning signs and application fact sheets (free upon request with purchase)

My Garden Center 123-4567

Veterinarians and pet groomers

- how to control pests on pets
- how to respond to a pet poisoning

Lumberyards, home improvement centers

- Consumer Information Sheets (free upon request) provide instructions for safe use and handling of pressure-treated wood

Pest control services

All pest control services provide post-application information including product used, precautions to follow, and telephone number of a person to contact.

Residential and Landscape pest control services

- provide upon request pre-application information and a copy of the product label
- provide post-application information and, if requested, a copy of the product label

Government / Institutions

County Cooperative Extension Office (check county government listing in phone book)

- pest identification and management
- pesticide application safety
- dates, times, and location of the nearest clean sweep site for the disposal of pesticide products

Highway Dept, Telephone/Utility Co.

- pesticide use in right-of-ways

Statewide pesticide information sources

Poison Center of Wisconsin, 24 hour service (formerly Poison Control Center)

(800) 815-8855

- pesticide poisoning symptoms, first aid measures, and referrals to appropriate physicians

Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection (WDATCP)

(608) 224-4500

- pesticide laws, complaints of pesticide misuse
- pesticide spills and disposal

(608) 224-5296

- pre-notification service to homeowners about pesticide applications made by commercial lawncare services to nearby landscapes. Homeowners must register their request by February 1 each year.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR)

(608) 266-2621

- permit for managing pest mammals (except rats and mice) and birds
- list of certified water-testing labs

Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services

(608) 266-0923

- provides information on the health effects of pesticides and poisoning symptoms

University of Wisconsin Home PEST Program

(608) 262-6429

- provides information on topics covered in Home PEST brochures and how to get brochures