**Always read and follow label directions before buying or using a pesticide.**

**Follow all appropriate federal, state, tribal and local regulations.**

**Test Your Knowledge of Some Basic Pesticide Safety Principles**

(*Answers at the bottom*)

1. True or False\_\_\_ Pesticide containers must never be reused for another purpose.
2. True or False\_\_\_ ’Weed n Feed’ products can be stored on the floor anywhere in the garage because the percentage of herbicide is very low.
3. True or False\_\_\_ The only time that it is necessary to delay an application is if rainfall is imminent.
4. True or False\_\_\_ Pesticide labels are legally enforceable documents.
5. True or False\_\_\_ State laws regarding pesticides may differ, as long as they are not more lenient than federal law.
6. True or False\_\_\_ Children should not apply insect repellents to themselves.
7. True or False\_\_\_ It is only important to read the directions on personal protective equipment the first time you purchase that type of equipment (respirator, chemical–resistant clothing, etc.)
8. True or False\_\_\_ It is acceptable to hose off a pesticide spill if the water will be trapped by the lawn or garden.
9. True or False\_\_\_ Pesticides should be stored in a dry, cool area that does not freeze.
10. True or False\_\_\_ All pesticide labels that are not part of the container should be stored together in an easily accessible drawer.
11. True or False\_\_\_ Spills do not need to be cleaned up if they are covered with kitty litter or sand.
12. True or False\_\_\_ It is necessary to follow at least 95% of the label requirements to go through with the application.
13. True or False\_\_\_ Pesticides should be placed on the floor in the back seat when transporting them in a car.
14. True or False\_\_\_ Children, pets, toys, and food should always be kept away when mixing and applying pesticides.
15. True or False\_\_\_ Unwanted pesticides can be taken to a hazardous waste collection program facility or event that accepts pesticides.
16. True or False\_\_\_ Left–over spray, sprayer rinse material, and contaminated clothing are not a concern because of very low pesticide residues.
17. True or False\_\_\_ Leather and cotton gloves are good choices for protection when applying pesticides.
18. True or False\_\_\_ No amount of unused pesticide should ever be flushed down the toilet or poured down the sink.
19. True or False\_\_\_ Kitty litter is an example of a good absorbent material that should be kept readily available in case of a pesticide spill.
20. True or False\_\_\_ The only time that it is important to read the first aid instructions is immediately following an accident.
21. True or False\_\_\_ It is important to keep the pesticide from reaching other people’s property, even if the property is a labeled use.
22. True or False\_\_\_ Rodent and insect baits should always be placed in areas where small children and pets cannot reach them.
23. True or False\_\_\_ Pesticides can be stored in an unlocked cabinet as long as it is 6 feet above the floor.
24. True or False\_\_\_ Pesticide containers should never be stored where they can become corroded.
25. True or False\_\_\_ The pesticide label should be read before purchase, before application, and when storing and disposing of the pesticide.
26. True or False\_\_\_ Pesticides should be measured and mixed in a well–ventilated area, away from children, pets, toys, and food.
27. True or False\_\_\_ There are no safety concerns if the pesticide is naturally occurring in the environment.
28. True or False\_\_\_ Personal protective equipment (respirators, gloves, chemical resistant clothing, etc.) should be stored with pesticides.
29. True or False\_\_\_ Water that is collected from cleaning and rinsing application equipment can be discarded on any soil.
30. True or False\_\_\_ Pesticides should not be applied right before rain or irrigation.
31. True or False\_\_\_ Nearly 75% of pesticide accidents are due to improper storage, and involve people who were not even using the pesticide.
32. True or False\_\_\_ If possible, you should purchase only the amount of pesticide needed for one season.
33. True or False\_\_\_ There are more than 800,000 certified pesticide applicators in the United States.
34. True or False\_\_\_ Calibration is necessary to make sure the application equipment is clean.
35. True or False\_\_\_ An untreated area downwind of the spray is one way to protect sensitive crops from spray drift.
36. True or False\_\_\_ Sand is not a good absorbent material to use in case of a pesticide spill.
37. True or False\_\_\_ An empty aerosol spray can that contained a pesticide can be disposed of in a sanitary landfill.
38. True or False\_\_\_ If work clothes are only slightly contaminated by pesticide spray, it is acceptable to wash them with other clothing.

Answers:

1-T, 2-F, 3-F, 4-T, 5-T, 6-T, 7-F, 8-F, 9-T, 10-F, 11-F, 12-F, 13-F, 14-T, 15-T, 16-F, 17-F, 18-T, 19-T, 20-F, 21-T, 22-T, 23-F, 24-T, 25-T, 26-T, 27-F, 28-F, 29-F, 30-T, 31-T, 32-T, 33-T, 34-F, 35-T, 36-F, 37-T, 38-F