

Please Drive Carefully!

You are responsible for any spillage, damage, cleanup and restoration that may result from transporting the waste pesticides, whether or not the damage is your fault. The state and its contractor are not responsible for any spills that occur before the waste is accepted at the collection site.

Safety Checklist for Transporting Pesticides To the Collection Site

- Close pesticide containers securely. Containers that cannot be securely closed should be packed within containers which can be securely closed.
- Line the transport vehicle's storage area with plastic sheeting to contain any spillage.
- If possible, arrange the pesticides by hazard class to prevent mixing of incompatible materials should spillage occur.
- Attach all labels securely.
- Arrange containers in your vehicle so that they are braced to prevent shifting which may result in container damage and leakage.
- Keep containers dry during transport. Cover loads in open vehicles such as pickup trucks.
- Make sure fumes cannot enter the passenger compartment. A pickup truck is the preferred vehicle for transporting pesticides.
- Drive directly to the collection site after you load your vehicle. If you observe pesticide spillage from your vehicle at the collection site, alert Safe Send workers to the problem.

In Case of Emergency

If you experience or encounter an emergency situation involving pesticides or other agricultural chemicals, call this toll-free number immediately:

North Dakota Response

1-800-272-2121

Be Careful with Waste Pesticides!

Pesticides can make you sick. Even if exposure does not produce immediate illness, continued exposure to some pesticides may eventually result in illness. Some illnesses caused by chemical exposure are not reversible or may persist over a period of time.

You can be exposed to pesticides through the mouth and digestive tract, through breathing or through skin. Some pesticides may be harmful to the skin or eyes.

The chance of exposure in handling waste pesticides may be greater than that of handling newly-purchased pesticides. If a pesticide container has been opened and the contents partially used, the outside of the container is probably contaminated. The container of a pesticide product that has been stored for a length of time (i.e. more than one season) may have deteriorated to the point that it may rupture when handled.

No safety precautions and protective measures will completely eliminate risks, but you can minimize the risk of exposure. Here are some suggestions:

1. Inspect containers. If a container looks it could tear or rupture when moved, carefully repackage the container. Heavy plastic bags for repackaging containers are available from the Department of Agriculture at 1-800-242-7535.
2. Wear the protective clothing and equipment (goggles, gloves, respirator, etc.) described on product labels when handling pesticides. If you suspect that any of the older or unlabeled pesticides are highly volatile or are packaged under pressure, consider appropriate respiratory protection.
3. If the product is not labeled or if the product label is illegible, wear the protective clothing you would normally wear when applying pesticides. At a minimum, wear a long-sleeved shirt, long pants, shoes and socks, and chemical resistant gloves when handling or loading the products. If a product contains a "Hazardous to Humans and Domestic Animals" panel with personal protective equipment recommendations, follow those instructions.
4. Keep a 10-pound bag of safety absorbent, a shovel and a container, such as a pail or rash can, and your safety equipment on hand in case of spills.
5. Handle all containers of waste and unused pesticides with care to minimize the possibility of container rupture and loss of material.



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