

Storage and Disposal



Idaho Homeowner's
Commonsense Guide
to

Pesticides

Storing and Disposing of Home & Garden Pesticides

Pesticide Storage

Pesticides are poisons. Don't let children or pets become victims of care-less pesticide storage.

The best storage plan is to purchase just enough pesticide to finish the job at hand. That way you won't need to store opened pesticide containers.

Always store pesticides:

- In the original, labeled container. NEVER transfer pesticides to old soda bottles or other containers; children may mistake the pesticide for food or drink.
- With the purchase date marked on the container. Use older products first because some pesticides deteriorate with age.
- In a cool, dry, ventilated area protected from cold or hot temperature extremes. Pesticide vapors can be flammable, so avoid rooms with pilot lights or other open flames and electrical sparks. Garages or outdoor sheds are better than living spaces in your home.
- In a locked room or drip-proof cabinet, out of the reach of children or pets.
- Away from any food, pet feeds, or protective clothing.



Pesticide Disposal

First, check the label on the pesticide container for disposal instructions. The label may describe special guidelines for your pesticide.

Next, call your household solid waste service or landfill for disposal instructions. Your community may forbid disposal of pesticide products or containers with regular household trash.



- NEVER pour unwanted pesticide on the ground or into storm sewers. You might contaminate drinking water or kill wildlife.

- DO NOT flush pesticides down toilets or any drains. Many products are harmful to septic tanks and sewage treatment plants.

Pesticide mix

- Only mix as much as you can use right away. It is better to mix less than you really need than to have leftover spray. You always can mix more later.
- NEVER store leftover sprays. The risk of accidental poisoning or environmental contamination is too high.
- Apply unused pesticide to another plant or site listed on the label.
- Give it and the labeled container to someone who can use it according to the label.

Pesticide in its original container

- Return unopened containers to the retailer.
- Give unwanted pesticide to someone who knows how to use the product.

- Bring it to your local household hazardous waste disposal day.
- Unless prohibited by local ordinances, you may throw out home and garden pesticides with your household trash. Tightly close the product in its original container.

Empty pesticide containers

Unless otherwise directed by instructions on the container label, or prohibited by local ordinances, you can throw out empty containers with your household trash.

- DO NOT reuse them for any purpose.
- DO NOT recycle them.
- DO NOT bury or burn them.

Aerosol cans

- Do not puncture or burn them; their contents may be under pressure and could explode.

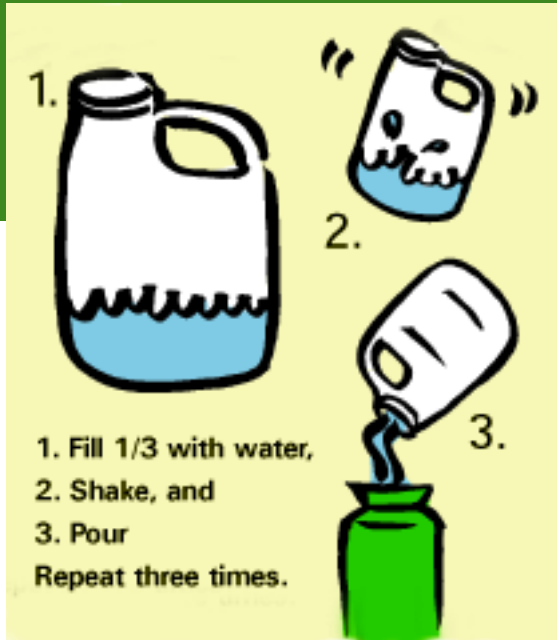
Paper bags or cardboard boxes and canisters

- Shake them thoroughly to remove all dry pesticide, and use the pesticide as instructed on the label. Do not inhale pesticide dust.

Ready-to-use pesticides

- Hose-end sprayers and ant baits come in containers that cannot be opened for rinsing. Dispose of empty containers with the household trash.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Programs in Idaho



Glass and plastic containers

- Fill the empty container 1/3 full of water, shake it well, and pour the water into the spray tank. Repeat three times. Then spray the rinse water onto plants or other sites listed on the pesticide label.

Contaminated clothing

- If clothing becomes drenched with pesticide, remove it immediately and shower with soap and water. Wait until the clothing dries, and then wrap it in newspaper and throw it away with the household trash.

Used flea and tick collars

- Pesticide-impregnated products such as pet collars and no-pest strips, small amounts of ant and roach bait, and treated garden seed can be thrown away with household trash.

Pressure-treated wood

- Throw it away with the household trash. **DO NOT BURN** it. Toxic chemical fumes may be produced.

Ada County/City of Boise

The city operates a permanent household hazardous waste facility at Hidden Hollow Landfill and a mobile collection program at fire stations around the city.

Contact: Ada County Solid Waste
(208) 853-1297
Boise City Public Works
(208) 384-3900

Bannock County

Hazardous waste collection days are the first Saturday of each month, March through October.

Contact: Bannock County Solid Waste
(208) 236-0607

Bonner County

Collections are held at Colburn Culver Transfer Station weekly. A reuse program allows homeowners to obtain turned-in items free of charge. Annual collection fairs are held in spring.

Contact: Bonner County Solid Waste
(208) 265-1459

Latah County

Moscow Recycling Center and Latah County hold a collection day the last Saturday of every April.

Contact: Moscow
Recycling
Center
(208) 882-0590



Kootenai County

Ramsey Road Transfer Station accepts a wide range of household waste with a maximum of 5 gallons of liquids per day. Call for operating hours for hazardous waste drop-off.

Contact: Ramsey Road Transfer Station
(208) 769-4402

Southern Idaho

Southern Idaho Solid Waste District operates a waste exchange program. For more information, see the Web site

<http://www.sisw.org/>

Contact: Milner Butte Landfill
(208) 432-9082

Southeastern Idaho

The Southeastern Idaho District Health Department is working to develop a collection program for counties located in southeastern Idaho.

Contact: District Health Department
(208) 233-9080

Statewide

The Idaho State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) conducts pesticide disposal collections throughout the state. Pre-registration is required. ISDA must receive a list of the pesticides being turned in and their quantities prior to collection. Refer to the following Web site for the collection schedule:

<http://www.agri.state.id.us/agresource/pdp.htm>

Contact: Rod Awe, Agriculture Program Manager
(208) 332-8615

For other areas, contact your local landfill, city or county solid waste department, regional district health department, or the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (208) 373-0502.



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