

Lawn and Garden

Preparing Pesticide Containers For Disposal



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WHAT ARE PESTICIDES?

The word "*pesticide*" (from the Latin word *pestis*, pestilence + *caedere*, to kill) was coined in 1925 to describe "*agents used to destroy pests*". Lawn and garden pesticides are substances that help control or eliminate unwanted plants, insect and disease problems in lawns, gardens, and house plants.

Three common types of lawn and garden pesticides are:

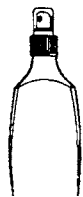
HERBICIDES: Which kill plants

INSECTICIDES: Which kill insects

FUNGICIDES: Which kill plant diseases
(such as molds, leaf spots and blights)

The key to solving your lawn or garden problem is correct identification of the pest. Proper treatment may not require pesticides at all. Weeding, pruning, cultivating or deferring treatment to a more appropriate time may be a better approach.

For more pest/pesticide information, call the Dial-U Insect and Plant Information Clinic of the Minnesota Extension Service at 1-(900) 988-0500 (toll call) for advice.



WHY RINSE PESTICIDE CONTAINERS?

- It**
- *is easy*
 - *saves money*
 - *protects people*
 - *protects the environment*

- ◆ Rinsing pesticide containers with water is an effective way to remove all of the pesticide from the container.
- ◆ Rinse water from rinsing the container must be applied to the same target pest as the original pesticide.
- ◆ Never pour rinse water on the ground or down the drain.
- ◆ Unless rinsed from the container right away, some pesticides will dry out quickly and become difficult to remove.
- ◆ Rinsing pesticide containers is a good, sound environmental practice.



PROPER RINSING

Triple rinsing is a method used to properly rinse pesticide containers. It means just that...rinsing the container three times. It is used with plastic, non-pressurized metal and glass containers.

HOW TO Triple Rinse:



1. Remove cap or lid from container. Empty pesticide into sprayer tank* and let container drain for 30 seconds.
2. Fill container 10% to 20% full of water or rinse solution.
3. Secure cap or lid on container.
4. Swirl container to rinse all inside surfaces.
5. Remove cap or lid from container. Add rinse water from container to sprayer tank* and let drain for 30 seconds or more.
6. Repeat steps 2 through 5 two more times.
7. Put cap or lid back on container and dispose of according to label directions.

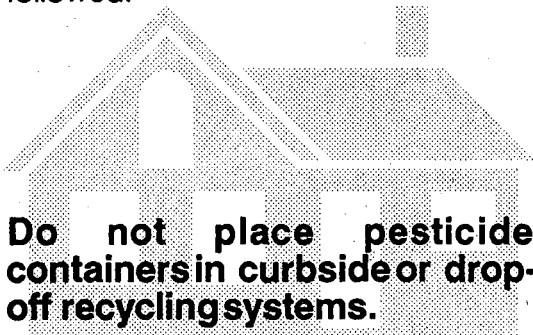
* For ready-to-use products, apply the rinse water directly from the rinsed container to target pest.



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REMEMBER:

- ◆ Purchase only the amount needed for your application.
- ◆ Read and follow all label directions.
- ◆ Wear the proper protective clothing and equipment when working with pesticides.
- ◆ Never reuse a pesticide container for any purpose.
- ◆ Dispose of all pesticide containers properly.
- ◆ When mixing or rinsing a pesticide, **do not** put the hose or faucet in the pesticide container, sprayer or watering can. When using a hose applicator, have a backflow prevention device in place where your hose connects to the outdoor faucet.
- ◆ Federal and state statutes require that disposal directions on the label be followed.



Do not place pesticide containers in curbside or drop-off recycling systems.

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