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Insect Control Warning

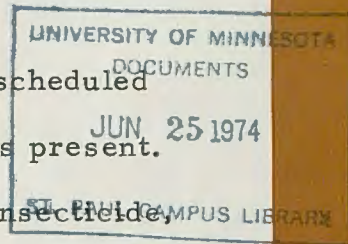
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Several commercial firms are selling so-called preventive insect control programs to urban residents. University of Minnesota extension entomologists says these programs are fundamentally poor insect control.

Aside from that, there is considerable doubt that these programs are legal under regulations of the Federal Environmental Pesticide Control Act. Blanket treatment where no insects are present is a misuse of the material and may be subject to federal penalties.

The programs in question are prearranged or scheduled treatments irrespective of the possible pest problems present. Sometimes the single treatment is a combination of insecticide, fungicide, herbicide and fertilizer.



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Storing Pesticides

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With the gardening season here, many homes and backyard sheds include quantities of pesticides that could spell doom to the unsuspecting child or pet who shallows some.

More than 100,000 accidental poisonings occur in and around the home each year. Many of these involve children and could have been avoided with proper storage precautions.

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Canned Goods

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Specials on canned fruits and vegetables are common this time of year. University nutrition specialist Isabel Wolf says retailers are making room for the new crops. She reminds consumers that the longer the food is canned, much more nutritive value is lost, particularly vitamin C.

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