



Understanding The Pesticide Label

The label is the most important piece of pesticide safety information available to the consumer. **Always read the label when you select a pesticide and each time that you use it.**



THE MAIN SECTIONS OF A PESTICIDE LABEL ARE:

- ❶ Product Name
- ❷ Product classification: DOMESTIC products are designed for use by consumers in and around dwellings
- ❸ Guarantee: lists the percent of active ingredient(s) in the pesticide. The active ingredient(s) is the chemical in the pesticide that kills or controls the target pest. The same active ingredient may be sold under more than one product name or formulation (e.g. dust, liquid concentrate, granular).
- ❹ Registration Number - This number indicates that the PMRA Health Canada has reviewed the product and registered it for use in Canada.
- ❺ Precautionary Symbols - tell you the type and degree of hazard associated with the product.



- ⑥ Directions for Use: Not all pesticides work against all pests. Make sure the product is label lists the pest you are trying to control and the area or type of plant where you intend to use it. Follow all label directions for mixing and applying the product.
- ⑦ Precautions: This section tells you about any significant human health, wildlife or environmental hazard that may result from use of the product and lists the precautions to take to alleviate these hazards.
- ⑧ First Aid: Outlines the measures to take in the event of a poisoning, intoxication or injury.
- ⑨ Toxicological Information: Provides information for medical personnel treating someone who has been poisoned or injured by the product.
- ⑩ Disposal: Describes how to properly dispose of the empty product container.

It is important to read the label before you buy a pesticide and before you use it. The label tells you what type of pest the product controls, where and how it can be used, and what safety measures to take when using it. In most cases, the label is printed on or attached to the container. Some products also have part of the label directions on an attached pamphlet or on the box. Keep the pamphlet or the box with the product for future reference.