



POISON ANTIDOTE



Utah Poison Control Center

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Pesticide & Fertilizer Safety

An attractive lawn and garden is often a quest this time of year, but keeping them beautiful may come at a poisonous price. Calls to the Utah Poison Control Center for pesticide and fertilizer poisoning increase during the spring and summer months as consumers use these chemicals to keep pests and weeds at bay. Pesticides are substances that get rid of insects, weeds, molds and other unwanted living things. Chemical fertilizers aid in growing plants and also pose a poison risk. These substances are poisonous when swallowed, inhaled, or when they get on the skin, or in the eye. Follow the tips below to help keep you and your family safe.

Reduce Risk

- Use non-chemical control methods if possible
- Read the label and follow directions exactly. More isn't always better!
- Use the product for what it is intended. Only use for pests that are indicated on the label.
- Do not spray outdoors when the wind is blowing or it is raining.
- Only purchase the amount of pesticide and fertilizer you will need. If you must store them, do so in original containers. Never store in containers that are associated with food or drink.
- Wear protective items that cover the skin as indicated on the product label such as gloves, goggles, and clothes & shoes.
- Dispose of unwanted pesticides properly. Do not pour down the sink, in the toilet, or down a sewer or street drain. Visit www.hazardouswaste.utah.gov for more info.
- Before spraying outdoors, close all windows and doors of the home.
- Avoid tracking chemicals indoors...rinse contaminated shoes and remove before going inside, change clothes and wash them separately. Wash hands thoroughly.



Protect Children

- Store pesticides, fertilizers, and other chemicals out of the reach of children.
- Remove toys from area before applying chemicals.
- Do not allow children to be present during application or while the pesticide is still wet. Consult product label for exact directions.
- If interrupted while using the product, secure it up and away until you return.
- When applying insect repellent on a child, do not apply on open cuts or irritated skin. Do not apply to eyes, mouth, hands or directly on the face. Use minimal amount necessary.
- Never place rodent or insect bait where children can get it.

When Hiring a Lawn Care/Pesticide Co.

- Find a company through dependable referrals, directories and professional associations. Check to make sure they are licensed and insured.
- Ask, Ask, Ask: What are the active ingredients in the product you will be using? What are the potential health risks? What application techniques will you be using? Are there nonchemical alternatives? Are there any special instructions to ensure my safety and the safety of my family?

Poison Help

- Call Poison Control immediately if someone is poisoned 1-800-222-1222.
- Save the Poison Control number in your phone and/or post it in a location where it's easy to see.
- To get quick help, when calling poison control, have the product in hand, remain calm, and answer questions asked.
- Calls to Poison Control are free, confidential and handled by experts.

Resources: EPA, UDOH