

PESTICIDE SAFETY NOTES

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SAFE & SECURE PESTICIDE STORAGE



- ✓ Always store pesticides in a locked, secure facility. At this time, it is important to keep all hazardous materials out of the hands of those who would use these chemicals against us.
- ✓ Limit access to your pesticide storage. Take necessary steps to keep out unauthorized persons.
- ✓ Keep an inventory and check it regularly. Notify authorities of missing chemicals immediately.
- ✓ Don't keep excess inventory. Purchase only what you can use in the next week or month.
- ✓ Keep a clip board in the storage facility with copies of each product label. Put a list of emergency procedures on the clip board. Tell all employees where the clip board is kept.
- ✓ Keep your facility cool, dry and well ventilated. Make sure the facility is away from areas likely to flood.
- ✓ Post your facility to let emergency personnel and fire fighters know that they may encounter toxic fumes.
- ✓ A sealed concrete floor will prevent spills from reaching ground water.

- ✓ Sturdy stainless steel shelving is the best choice. For secondary containment, place each container in a disposable foil “turkey roaster.”
- ✓ Store products by category – keep herbicides separate from insecticides. Store liquid formulations below dry formulations. Keep glass containers on the lowest level. Keep all containers off the floor.
- ✓ Keep all pesticides in their original containers with their original labels. Never store a pesticide in a food or drink container.
- ✓ Never store feed, seed, fertilizer, veterinary supplies/ medications, or business products in the pesticide storage facility.
- ✓ Never let anyone eat, drink, or smoke in the storage facility.
- ✓ Never store PPE inside the pesticide storage facility. Keep emergency PPE in another room nearby in case of a spill.
- ✓ Do keep a spill clean-up kit in the storage facility.

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**Delaware Pesticide Information can be found at:
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