

Handling Pesticides

1. Wear the protective clothing and protective equipment (goggles, gloves, respirator, etc.) described on the product labels when handling pesticides.
2. Use the respirator protection described on product labels. If you suspect that any of the older pesticides or unlabeled pesticides are highly volatile or are packaged under pressure, consider the need for appropriate respiratory protection.
3. In the event that the product is not labeled, the product label is not legible, or the product label does not contain a "Hazardous to Humans and Domestic Animals" panel, wear the protective clothing that you would normally wear when applying pesticides; at minimum, wear a long sleeved shirt with sleeves buttoned at the wrist, a pair of chemical-resistant boots, goggles or full face shield and a wide brimmed hat.
4. Have spill control materials available. For example, a 10-pound bag of commercially available absorbent or kitty litter, a shovel and a container for spilled material collected with the absorbent and any contaminated soil may be useful in control and cleanup of a spill involving a small amount of material.