

Pesticide Safety

Keep Pesticides Out of Your Water



We've all been 'pestered' by different pests. Thankfully, there are pesticides that can be used to effectively manage damaging pests. Learn how to be safe when using pesticides.

The following safety tips will help keep your family, home and water safe:

- 1) Store pesticides out of the reach of children and pets. Whenever possible, keep all pesticides in a locked cabinet in a well-ventilated area.
- 2) Never store pesticides in areas with or near food, animal feed or medical supplies. Read the container's label for more specific storage information.
- 3) Store flammable materials away from your living area and any ignition source such as a furnace, car, or a powered lawn mower.
- 4) Always save pesticides in their original containers, so that you have the label listing ingredients, directions for use and first aid steps in case of accidental poisoning.
- 5) Never transfer pesticides to other bottles or containers. Children may mistake them for something to eat or drink.
- 6) Do not store pesticides in places where flooding is possible or in places where they might spill or leak into wells, or drains.

Better yet, use a natural pesticide aimed at targeting your specific problem. See more information on natural pesticides below.

- 1) Natural pest control is: safer for your family, less polluting to the environment and less expensive than other pesticides.
- 2) Look into natural weed control, too. You can enjoy a healthy lawn without the extra toxins.

More information can be found at www.eartheasy.com. Check it out today!



Eartheasy.com is a great resource for environmentally friendly living. In addition to pesticide and lawn safety, Easyearth provides information on keeping a green home, water conservation, energy efficiency and more.

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DISPOSING OF PESTICIDES

The best way to dispose of small amounts of pesticides is to use them.

If you cannot properly use them, check out Clean Sweep in Ottawa County. It is a FREE, non-regulatory program to help you safely dispose of band and/or unusable pesticides. Any Michigan homeowner, farm, greenhouse, nursery, golf course or other end user of pesticides can use this service. Old, out-of-date or unusable pesticides can be dropped off for safe disposal. Items that do not have an EPA registration number will not be accepted. Visit miottawa.org or call 616.393.5645 for more information.