

APPENDIX D

Note: See s. ATCP 29.154 (7) (b).

PESTICIDE APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

Pesticides are any compound used to control a pest. Pests include many insects, fungus, weeds, rodents and plant diseases. Types of pesticides include insecticides, fungicides, herbicides and rodenticides. All pesticides have **Before You Use A Pesticide**

- Read The Label
 - Does the pesticide control the pest problem?
 - Is the site or plant you intend to treat listed on the pesticide label?
 - What type of protective clothing or equipment is required?
 - What type of application equipment is needed?
 - Are there weather conditions when application should not be made?
- Buy only the amount of pesticide that you will need. Pesticides stored for long periods of time may degrade or become less effective.
- Do not mix up more of the dilute solution than is needed. It is better to under-estimate the amount you need and make up additional solution as needed than to have to dispose of unneeded spray solution.

During Application

- Always wear the protective equipment required by the label. At a minimum, wear a long sleeve shirt, long pants, socks and shoes when applying pesticides.
- Do not wear cotton or leather shoes, boots, hats or gloves when handling pesticides. Leather absorbs pesticides and it may be difficult to rid the leather of pesticide residues.
- Avoid spraying on days when pesticides may drift from the application site. Stand up wind when mixing and applying pesticides. Keep children and pets out of the area being treated until the time period specified on the pesticide label.
- Do not apply pesticides at a rate higher than allowed on the product label.
- If you are applying pesticides to a food crop, check the label to see how many days you must wait before harvesting the crop.

labels that give the user information on how to use the product and what you can expect the pesticide to control. **It is important that you read and follow all label directions.** This information sheet gives you information on proper practices for the handling, use, storage and disposal of pesticides.

After Using a Pesticide

- Wash your hands with soap and water immediately after applying a pesticide. Shower as soon as possible.
- Wash all clothing worn during the application after each use. Wash these clothes separately from household laundry. Use a heavy duty detergent and hot water.
- Keep pesticide measuring tools separate from household and kitchen measuring tools.
- Store pesticides in their original containers. Do not store dilute pesticide solutions in unmarked containers. Keep pesticides away from food, feed, seed and fertilizer and out of the reach of children and pets.
- Dispose of empty pesticide containers in accordance with the label directions.

Posting

- Wisconsin's pesticide regulations require commercial pesticide applicators to place signs in landscape areas that have been treated with pesticides. Posting is used to notify persons that a pesticide application has been made. Additional information regarding the application may be obtained by contacting the pesticide application firm.
- Posting of landscape pesticide applications made by do-it-yourself applicators is encouraged. Signs may be obtained from retail landscape pesticide dealers in Wisconsin. It is recommended that you post one sign per boundary to your property and at the points of entry (i.e. near sidewalks, driveways, etc.).

You can get additional information regarding pesticide use from your local county extension agent. If you have questions regarding pesticide regulations contact the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection at (608) 266-2295.