

With warmer weather just around the corner, many Canadians are getting the home and garden ready for summer. If you choose to use pesticides, please make sure that they are registered with Health Canada and that you are using them properly. Incorrect use can cause serious harm to families, pets, and the environment.

Health Canada appreciates your help in spreading the word about this important subject. Please feel welcome to pass this information on to your organization's members, post on your website, share through social media, or on bulletin boards. For more information, visit the [Use pesticides safely](#) section of Canada.ca.

Tips and links:

- Use only products registered for use in Canada.
- Find out about registered products and active ingredients using Health Canada's [online product label search](#) or the new [Pesticide Labels free mobile app](#) on GooglePlay, Amazon, and AppStore.
- Follow all label warnings and directions, and only use a pesticide for its stated purpose.
- Never spray a pesticide outdoors if wind speed is more than 8 km per hour, if the air temperature is above 30°C, or if it is raining.
- Avoid [homemade recipes](#) -- these products are not tested nor do they have labels. It is especially dangerous to boil a product on the stove, or to use ingredients such as gasoline, kerosene or boric acid.
- Store pesticides out of the reach of children and pets.
- If you suspect poisoning, call 911 immediately.
- When in doubt, hire a professional licensed pest control operator.
- Check with your city or province to see if there are [local restrictions](#) against the use of certain approved products.

Questions, concerns or complaints regarding pesticide issues regulated by Health Canada can be directed to the Pest Management Regulatory Agency at pmra.infoserv@hc-sc.gc.ca or 1-800-267-6315, or to the Atlantic Region Pesticide Compliance Program at 506-851-7876.

Suggested Tweet or Facebook Post: Find out about pesticide safety at Canada.ca:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/health-canada/services/about-pesticides/use-pesticides-safely.html>

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