

Pesticide Transportation Fact Sheet

Read your pesticide label(s) for specific instructions. Remember, the label is the law!

Whether you are purchasing new pesticide products, transporting previously opened containers to treatment sites, or taking old pesticides to a disposal event, they need to be transported safely and securely. Be aware that transporting pesticides carries some level of risk. Steps should be taken before, during, and after transporting pesticides to help reduce this risk.

Before transporting pesticides, ensure that the vehicle is in good working condition. If using a van, SUV, or car keep pesticides as far as possible from people or animals.

- Do not allow pesticides to be near food or beverages
- Do not smoke or consume food or beverages when transporting pesticides
- Do not leave pesticides in a vehicle where extreme temperatures could lead to damage including contamination or an explosion
- Only transport the minimum amount of pesticides needed.

Prior to transportation, check the pesticide containers for damage and ensure that lids or nozzles are tightly closed. Securely tie down containers and separate incompatible pesticides. This helps reduce the risk of chemical reactions or spills. Containers not properly secured or closed can spill or fall from the vehicle. Secondary containment such as a plastic tub, liner, or bag can limit or prevent large spills. Keep containers away from items that could puncture, cut, or damage them.

Always keep a spill kit in the vehicle. Include items such as personal protective equipment (PPE), absorbent material (like cat litter), a shovel, and a storage container. Keep an extra set of PPE and a change of clothes in the vehicle stored away from the pesticides.

Include first aid materials indicated on pesticide labels.

Keep product labels and safety data sheets on hand in case of an accident. Depending on the type or amount of pesticide transported, diamond-shaped placards may be required. Check with the Oregon Department of Transportation at 1-888-275-6368 for information about special vehicle placards.

If you are taking old pesticides for disposal, include as much product information as possible.

Should an accident or spill occur, first work to **Control** the spill. Upright overturned bottles and make sure that spills do not become worse. **Contain** what has already spilled using an absorbent material such as cat litter. Once the spill is contained, now it is time to **Clean up**. Use a shovel to scoop up contaminated material and place it in a storage container for proper disposal. When reporting the spill, be certain to communicate what and how much of the product has spilled. Always wear PPE when cleaning up spills.

Call **Oregon Emergency Response System** at **800-452-0311** to report pesticide spills.
Call **Chemtrec** at **800-424-9300** for emergency information following pesticide spills.