How can I get rid of pesticides I don’t want anymore?

Follow any specific disposal instructions on the label of the pesticide or bring it to a local hazardous waste collection center. EPA and local governments...
sometimes hold special pesticide collection days (click on your home state on the map in this link) when you may drop-off unwanted pesticides free of charge for proper disposal. If all else fails, small amounts of pesticides, i.e. less than one liquid gallon at a time, may be wrapped in a plastic bag and disposed of in household trash if allowed by your local government. For more information, please visit http://www.epa.gov/grtlakes/seahome/housewaste/src/dispose.htm.

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Where can I get information on a specific pesticide?

The label contains most information the applicator needs to know to use the product safely. State and federal agencies also have access to extensive material concerning specific pesticides. You may contact your state pesticides office as a first step towards finding out information about a specific pesticide, or call the National Telecommunications Pesticides Network (NPTN) at 1-800-858-7378. NPTN is open seven days a week from 9:30am to 7:30pm eastern standard time. The [NPTN](http://www.epa.gov/region02/pesticides/home.htm) Web site also provides information about various pesticides.

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How do I find a qualified applicator/exterminator?

Each State Pesticides Office maintains a [list of certified applicators](http://www.epa.gov/region02/pesticides/home.htm).

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Whom do I call if I have a complaint about an applicator / exterminator?

[Contact your State Pesticides Office](http://www.epa.gov/region02/pesticides/home.htm).

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Can I use farm pesticides in my home?

No. Many pesticides were designed specifically for use by certified applicators in agriculture. They are very effective outdoors, but break down into less toxic substances in sunlight, rain and other weather conditions. Because these weather conditions do not exist indoors, farm pesticides used in the home may "persist" (stay in their toxic form) much longer than they should. This could lead to very serious injuries to humans and pets. Detailed information about where the pesticide can be used is found on the product label.

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What should I do if someone seems sickened as a result of pesticide use?

Call a doctor, "911", or your [local poison control center](http://www.epa.gov/region02/pesticides/home.htm) immediately.