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READ THE PESTICIDE LABEL

Why read the label?

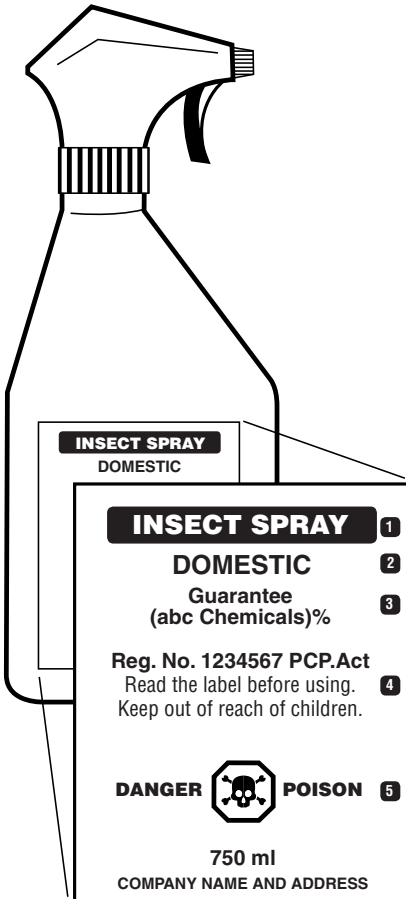
You should read the label before you buy a pesticide and each time before you use it. The label explains the most important things you need to know about the pesticide product.

The product label tells you

- what types of pests the product controls
- where and how it can be used
- how to use it safely to protect you, your family, your pets, and the environment

Where do you find the information?

The label is attached or printed on the container. Some products may have part of the directions on an attached pamphlet or on the box. Keep the pamphlet or box with the product for future reference.



What's on the label?

1 Product name

This is the name of the product which often describes what it does, such as “Tearaway Termite Exterminator: Kills them dead.”

2 Product classification: DOMESTIC

This is for products that are designed for consumers to use in and around the home.

3 Guarantee

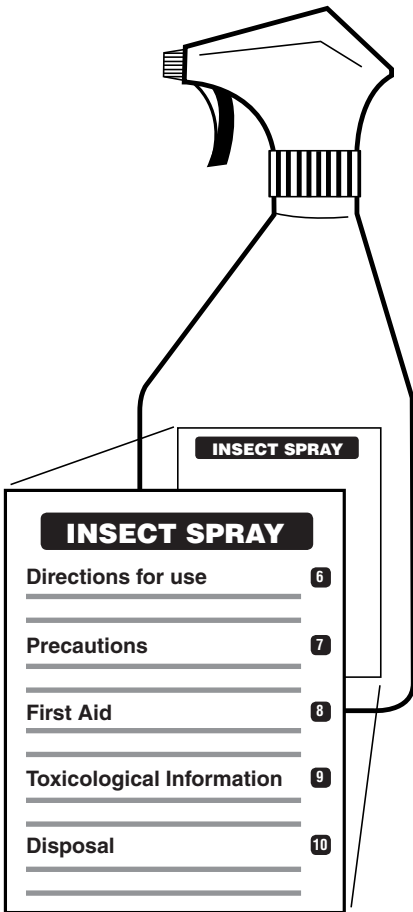
This lists the percentage of all active ingredients found in the pesticide. An active ingredient is the chemical that kills or controls the pest. Manufacturers sometimes package the same active ingredients under different product names if the pesticide is sold in other forms, such as dust, granules, or liquids.

4 Registration number

This number shows that Health Canada has reviewed the product and registered it for use in Canada.

5 Precautionary symbols

These symbols show the type and level of any hazards associated with the product, such as the skull and crossbones symbol for poison.



6 Directions for use

This explains how to use the pesticide properly. It shows what pests it controls and under what conditions. Not all pesticides work against all pests. Make sure the label lists the right pest for the right plant or area where you plan to use it. Follow all directions for mixing and applying the specific product.

7 Precautions

These explain any risks to humans, pets, wildlife, or the environment when you use the product. It also describes any precautions to take that will reduce these risks.

8 First aid

This tells you what to do if humans or animals are poisoned or injured by the product.

9 Toxicological information

This tells medical personnel how to treat someone who has been poisoned or injured by the product.

10 Disposal

This describes how to properly dispose of the empty product container.

Nova Scotia is moving toward healthier lawn care and gardening. The provincial *Non-essential Pesticides Control Act* will come into effect in the spring of 2011 for lawn care. In the spring of 2012, the act will extend to outdoor trees, shrubs, flowers, and other ornamental plants. Consumers will be allowed to use only certain pesticides when the act comes into effect.

For more information about pesticide labels, go to the federal Pest Management Regulatory Agency's website at www.hc-sc.gc.ca/cps-spc/pest.

For more information about preventing pests in lawns and gardens in the province, go to our website at www.gov.ns.ca/nse/pests.