

Pesticide Collection

Tips for Safely Transporting Agricultural Pesticides

- Handle pesticides with care and always wear rubber gloves. Avoid breathing, touching, or ingesting pesticides. Always wash hands after handling pesticides or containers. Examine all pesticide containers before handling; be especially cautious when breaks, rips or leaks are apparent.
- Move pesticides in a safe container. Transporting pesticides in their original container is preferred, but rusty metal, brittle plastic and aged paper containers may be unsafe. If a container is unreliable, place it inside a larger container: a rigid plastic or metal container with a lid is recommended for liquids; a sealed plastic bag or cardboard box is adequate for solids. If a pesticide is not in its original container and you have its label, bring the label with to help identify it.
- If there are pesticides in leaking and/or deteriorating packaging that is not safe to transport in the back of a truck, please make note of this on the “Inventory Form.” The hazardous waste disposal company may provide additional instruction on transport after reviewing the forms.
- Secure the load during the trip to the disposal site: Prevent containers from bumping against other containers and breaking, overturning and spilling during transport. Boxes with cardboard inserts are ideal for separating containers. Load containers into the bed of a truck or trunk of a car: Do not transport pesticides in the passenger compartment of a vehicle. Strap containers down tight to prevent movement in the vehicle, and cover containers with a tarp to protect them from wind and rain.
- You are responsible for accidents or mishaps prior to arrival at the pesticide drop-off site, please drive safely.

