

Transporting Waste Pesticides for Collection

Before You Load...

Wear protective clothing. At a minimum, wear full-length clothing, chemical resistant gloves, boots, goggles, and a hat. Read the label, if the container has one, for special handling requirements, such as use of a dust mask.

Check for weak containers. If a container looks weak, repackage it or use a secondary container to prevent leaks or spills during transit.

Handle containers carefully to avoid damaging them or exposing yourself to chemicals. Try not to drag containers over rough surfaces that might tear bags or puncture rigid containers.

Have spill control materials on hand, including a shovel, broom, and oil absorbent or kitty litter. Absorb any spills immediately and put absorbed materials in a heavy-duty garbage bag. You may want to cover the cargo area with a tarp or heavy-duty garbage bags before loading material, to make clean-up easier in the event of a spill.



Before You Haul...

Secure the load using bungee cords or rope, to keep products from shifting, leaking, spilling, or blowing out during transport.

Protect the load from the weather. Take a plastic cover or tarp with you in case it rains.

Get hazardous material placards if you believe your load weighs more than 1,000 pounds. Lighter loads don't need placards. You may want to split the load or use more than one vehicle if your load weighs close to 1,000 pounds.

Drive carefully. Go directly to the collection site. Any spills, damage, or clean-up that occur or are needed during transport are the driver's responsibility.

Remember: It is *your* responsibility to safely transport waste pesticides to the collection site.