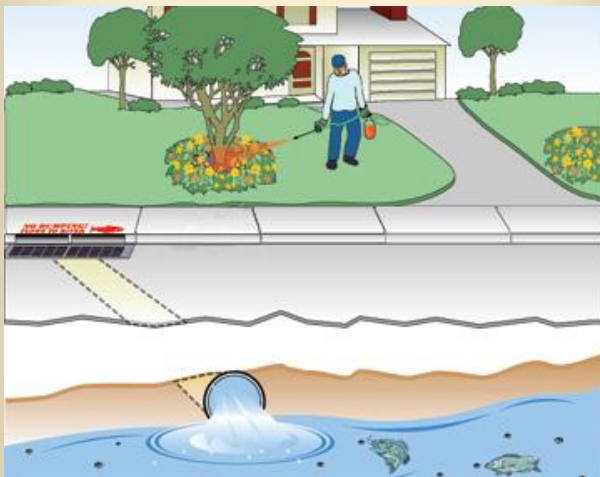


Pesticides are designed to be toxic to the pests they target - insects, weeds and other unwanted home and garden invaders.

Always read pesticide product labels carefully and follow all directions on proper use, storage and disposal of empty pesticide containers.

Product labels are your main source of information on how to use a product safely and legally, following guidelines needed to protect you, your family and pets. The only allowable way to dispose of unused pesticides is through a household hazardous waste collection site.

For the site nearest you, call Yuba Sutter Disposal at:
(530) 743-6933.



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Safe Use & Disposal of Pesticides



This brochure has been prepared to inform residents in Yuba County of the appropriate practices for the use and disposal of pesticides in order to protect the water quality in storm drains, channels, creeks, rivers and ultimately the ocean.

If you must use pesticides

Follow these tips to reduce pesticide effects on your local waterways:

- Identify your pest problem and choose the least toxic pesticide that targets your pest and achieves the results you want. If you need help identifying the least toxic pest control method, contact your local Master Gardener at: (530) 822-7515.
- Determine the right amount of pesticide to purchase. Purchasing exactly the amount you need for the application eliminates the need for storing unused pesticides.
- Use spot treatments whenever possible.

Outdoors

- Avoid over watering after applying pesticides. Never let pesticide run-off flow into storm drains.
- Do not apply pesticides outdoors when rain is forecast or when it is windy out.
- Avoid applying pesticides on paved areas.

Indoors

- Avoid applying pesticides in or near floor drains or sinks.
- Avoid applying pesticides on areas that will be washed or mopped with water, or where food is prepared or stored.

When using and storing pesticides take these precautions:

- Always wear a long sleeved shirt, pants, eye protection, and other equipment suggested on the label.
- Store products tightly capped in a locked cabinet out of reach from children and pets.
- Always keep pesticides in their original container.
- Know where to call for help in an emergency!

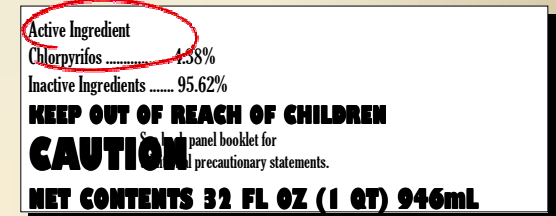
Pesticide disposal:

- If you cannot use up your pesticides, fertilizers and weed killers, give them to a friend who may need them.
- Sewage treatment plants are not designed to treat for certain toxic pesticides like diazinon and chlorpyrifos — dumping pesticides into the storm drain or down the sink is never an option.
- The only allowable way to dispose of unused pesticides is through a household hazardous waste collection site. For the site nearest you, call Yuba Sutter Disposal at (530) 743-6933.



Finding active ingredients on a pesticide label:

Pesticide labels are required by law to show the active ingredient and its percentage. Minimize or avoid the use of products that contain diazinon and chlorpyrifos — these materials are polluting our waterways. Always read the label before you buy!



Be sure to read product labels carefully and follow all instructions on proper use, storage and disposal of pesticides.

Pesticide Alternatives

- When available, use non-toxic alternatives to traditional pesticides and use pesticides specifically designed to control your pest.
- Design and use an Integrated Pest Management Plan that includes:
 - a. Physical Controls - caulking holes, barriers, hand picking, and traps.
 - b. Biological Controls - Predatory insects and bacteria insecticides.
 - c. Chemical Controls - Last resort. Use less toxic products such as dehydrating dusts, insecticide soaps, boric acid powder, horticultural oils, or pyrethrin-based insecticides.