

Use pesticides safely

By law you must be trained before you use pesticides on your market garden or farm and you must keep detailed records of each job.



Check the weather – do not spray if it is too windy, very hot or humid. Follow any weather warnings on the pesticide label. Don't spray if it is foggy.



Let your neighbours know when you plan to use pesticides.



Always choose the right chemical for the job and follow the label instructions – wear the right personal protective equipment (PPE).



Calibrate the equipment – use water first to check equipment is properly calibrated, follow the advice on the label and only mix what you need.



Protect the environment – when spraying, keep pesticides away from waterways, plants and animals.



Record your use of pesticides in English within 24 hours.



Store pesticides safely and dispose of them responsibly. Rinse empty containers three times.

For more information...

Training and record-keeping: call DECC on 131 555 or visit www.environment.nsw.gov.au/pesticides/trainers.htm

Pesticides and permits: call APVMA on (02) 6210 4748 or visit www.apvma.gov.au

Horticultural advice: call NSW DPI on (02) 4588 2100 or visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

Sydney drinking water catchments: Call the Sydney Catchment Authority on 1300 722 468 or visit www.sca.nsw.gov.au

Container disposal: drumMUSTER (02) 6230 6712 or www.drummuster.com.au

Occupational health and safety: WorkCover NSW 131 050 or www.workcover.nsw.gov.au

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Proper use of pesticides helps protect you, your family, your community and the environment