

Read your pesticide label(s) for specific instructions.

**Remember, the label is the law!**

Whether transporting unopened or previously opened pesticide containers to a treatment site, or taking unwanted pesticides to a disposal event, pesticides need to be transported safely and securely. Be aware that transporting pesticides carries some level of risk. Steps should be taken before, during, and after transporting pesticides to help reduce this risk.

- If using an enclosed vehicle, keep pesticides as far as possible from people or animals.
- Do not allow pesticides to be near food or beverages
- Do not smoke or consume food or beverages when transporting pesticides
- Do not leave pesticides in a vehicle where extreme temperatures could lead to damage including contamination or an explosion

# Pesticide Transportation and Spill FACT SHEET

## Preparation

**Before transporting pesticides, ensure that the vehicle is in good working condition.** Check the pesticide containers for damage/leaks and ensure that lids are tightly closed. Depending on the type or amount of pesticides transported, diamond-shaped placards may be required. Check with the Oregon Department of Transportation at (888) 275-6368 for information about special vehicle placards.

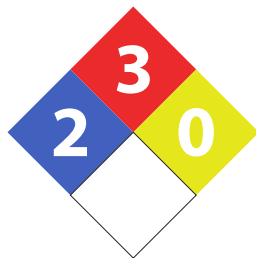
If the pesticide containers are in poor condition, such as those being transported to a disposal event, place pesticide containers in a larger secondary containment filled with an absorbent packing material, for example kitty litter. Use personal protective equipment (PPE) when handling pesticide containers. Make a list

of pesticides being transported and have a copy of the product Safety Data Sheets (SDS) (formerly MSDSs or Material Safety Data Sheets). If you are taking old pesticides for disposal, include as much product information as possible.



Separate incompatible pesticides. Take multiple trips if necessary to keep incompatible products separated. This helps reduce the risk of chemical reactions. If you do not know if the products you have are incompatible, see the SDS for more information.

Securely tie down and cover/tarp containers. Containers not properly secured or closed can spill or fall from the vehicle. Secondary containment such as a plastic tub, liner, or bag can limit or prevent large spills. Keep containers away from items, such as equipment that could puncture, cut, or damage them.



## Spills



Always keep a spill kit in the vehicle. Include items such as PPE, absorbent material (like cat litter), a shovel, and a storage container. Refer to the SDS for specific spill kit items and PPE for spill cleanup. Keep an extra set

of PPE and a change of clothes in the vehicle stored away from the pesticides. Include first aid materials indicated on pesticide labels.

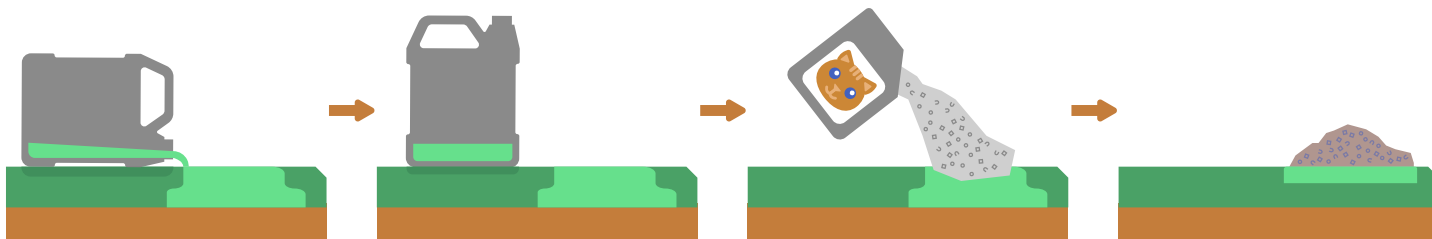
Should an accident or spill occur, a quick response is vital. Only clean up a spill if properly trained and equipped to do so. If not trained and equipped or should the spill be too big, contact the emergency responders listed on the label/SDS. Provide the product information to emergency responders. Never leave the area before emergency responders arrive! If you are an employee, notify your employer of the spill and location.

When reporting the spill, be certain to communicate what and how much of the product has spilled to Oregon Emergency Response. Also, follow reporting requirements for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.

When cleaning up a pesticide spill, first work to **Control** the spill. Upright overturned bottles to ensure that spills do not get worse. Keep people and animals out of the area. **Contain** what has already spilled using an absorbent material such as cat litter to help keep the spill from reaching water bodies. Once the spill is contained, now it is time to **Clean up**. Use a shovel to scoop up contaminated material and place it in a storage container for proper disposal. **Always wear the required PPE when cleaning up spills.** Required PPE for cleanup is found on the SDS.

**Call Oregon Emergency Response System at (800) 452-0311 or (503) 378-6377 to report pesticide spills.**

**Call Chemtrec at (800) 424-9300 for emergency information following pesticide spills.**



### Need more info?

Call **Oregon Poison Center** for emergency information regarding pesticide exposures, 800.222.1222