



## How to Find a Pesticide Effective against Japanese Beetle

Before you use a pesticide with the goal of controlling Japanese beetle, you must confirm that the pesticide is labeled for use against Japanese beetle and is registered for sale and distribution in Oregon.

### Key Points:

- **Japanese beetle must be listed on the label.** To use a pesticide against Japanese beetle, the pest must appear on the container label.
- **Follow the application rate and timing.** Effectiveness depends on applying the correct rate at the proper pest stage. Pesticides that control Japanese beetle may target either larvae (grubs) or adults; confirm which stage the product is labeled to control.
- **The product may need to be diluted or mixed.** Many pesticides are concentrates and must be mixed at the labeled dilution rate for Japanese beetle control.
- **THE LABEL IS THE LAW.** Always read and follow the entire container label. This includes application directions, site restrictions, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), re-entry intervals, and precautions. If the label refers you to supplemental booklets or pamphlets, those are legally binding as well.

### Finding a Pesticide

To locate a product that may be used for Japanese beetle control in Oregon,

1. Search for a pesticide on PICOL, consult with OSU Extension Service, or locate a product in a store.
2. Check that the product is labeled to control Japanese beetle on your target site (for example: garden beds, lawns, ornamental trees and shrubs).
3. Confirm that the product is registered in Oregon.
4. Follow all label directions.

### **Step 1. Search for a pesticide that can be used to control Japanese beetle**

- You can use [PICOL](#) to search for a pesticide that controls Japanese beetle and can be used on your intended application site.
  - Enter Japanese Beetle in the search bar and select desired parameters such as state and use sites.
- You can consult with Extension Service to help identify a pesticide.
  - Visit <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/ask-extension> or visit <https://extension.oregonstate.edu/find-us>.
- You can locate a pesticide in a home improvement, grocery, or farm store

### **Step 2: Check the label for Japanese beetle and your target use site.**

- Review the "Pests Controlled" or "Directions for Use" section.
- If Japanese beetle is listed, the product can be used to control that pest according to the applicable use directions.
- Check the label to see if your intended use site, crop, or plant is listed.
- Review the entire label and check for any use or site restrictions to ensure that you will be able to use the product according to the label.

### **Step 4: All directions on the label must be followed, including:**

- Precautions
- Restrictions (e.g., pollinator protection, water body buffers, use site, application methods)
- Personal Protection Equipment requirements
- Restricted Entry Intervals
- Application directions
- Application rates for Japanese beetle (grubs and/or adults).
- Target sites (e.g., turf, ornamentals, food crops).
- Timing of applications.
- Preharvest intervals (for crops).

**Questions?**

If, after reviewing the label, you are unsure how to properly apply a pesticide product, please contact the manufacturer or email ODA Pesticides Program at [pesticide-expert@oda.oregon.gov](mailto:pesticide-expert@oda.oregon.gov). You may also email that address to confirm whether a specific product is registered in Oregon (include full product name and EPA Reg. No.).

For non-pesticide related Japanese Beetle questions please email [plant-entomologist@oda.oregon.gov](mailto:plant-entomologist@oda.oregon.gov)

**For More Information****ODA Japanese Beetle Information:**

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/ippm/survey-treatment/pages/japanese-beetle.aspx>

**How to Register a Pesticide Product in Oregon:**

<https://www.oregon.gov/oda/pesticides/pesticide-product-information/pages/how-to-register.aspx>