

SUMMER SAFETY!

Chemical Hazards Around the Home

Many products used during the summer months such as insect repellents, pesticides, and pool chemicals can lead to poisoning or injury. However, you and your family can enjoy the summer safely using these important prevention and safety tips.



INSECT REPELLENTS



How to use and apply insect repellents safely:

- Apply just enough of a repellent to cover exposed skin.
- Follow label directions to find out how long to wait before reapplying.
- Do not spray repellents directly on the face, in ears, or near the eyes or mouth.
- Children should not handle or apply repellents.
- Avoid applying to children's hands, as they often put their hands in their mouths.
- Wash skin and treated clothing when returning indoors.



GARDEN AND LAWN PESTICIDES



Tips for safe storage and reducing risks from pesticides and chemicals used in the yard and garden:

- Always wear protective clothing when handling gardening chemicals such as herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizer including "weed and feeds."
- Remove sensitive items from the application area, such as toys, pet dishes, etc.
- Cover items such as outdoor furniture, play structures, pet living or sleeping areas, vegetable gardens, and edible herbs.
- Stay away from the treated area during application until the amount of time specified on the label, or until it is completely dry.

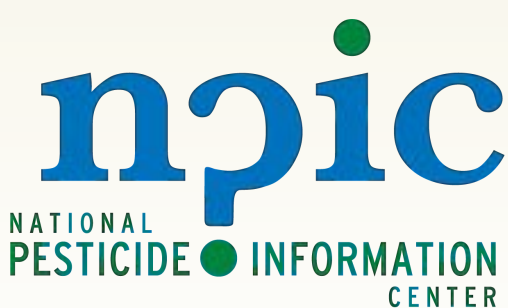


POOL CHEMICALS



Best practices for handling pool chemicals and keeping your pool safe:

- Store pool chemicals in their original container, in a temperature-controlled environment, out of direct sunlight, and away from children.
- Use test kits on a regular basis to test pool pH and chlorine levels.
- If a child touches a pool chemical, rinse the affected area with clean water.
- Never allow pool chemicals to mix. Mixing may lead to dangerous chemical reactions that can start fires or release toxic gases.



If you have questions about a pest or pesticide, how to use or dispose of pesticides, or what the potential risks to people or the environment may be, contact the National Pesticide Information Center at 1-800-858-7378 (Mon-Fri 8am-12pm Pacific Time).



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