

## Guidelines After Using The Pesticides

1. Plan before preparing the mixture. If there is any left over, spray onto the plants or dispose at a safe area.
2. Clean and wash your hands with soap before eating, drinking or smoking. Wash your body thoroughly after spraying.
3. Clean the protective gears each time after spraying. Wash them separately from other clothings.
4. Clean the sprayer every time after use. Keep in a safe place.
5. Keep pesticides in a safe and locked cupboard and away from children and food.



Store pesticides in locked cupboard

6. Use the original container with label to store pesticides. Do not keep in other containers.
7. Bury or burn the empty pesticide containers in a safe place. Do not use the pesticide containers to store other things.

**REMEMBER !**

**YOUR SAFETY COMES FIRST**

**USE PESTICIDES SAFELY AND EFFECTIVELY**

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# GUIDELINES ON SAFE AND EFFECTIVE USE OF PESTICIDES



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Pesticides are very useful chemicals for the farmers as they can be used for controlling weeds, diseases and insects. But they are also very dangerous to human being as they could be hazardous to human and environmental health.

Pesticides need to be used wisely to avoid danger. Information on the safe use of pesticides could be obtained from the label on every pesticide container.

Below are some guidelines to be followed while handling pesticides.

### Guidelines Before Using Pesticides

1. Identify every pest or disease affecting the crop well in advance.
2. If pesticide is recommended for controlling certain pests or diseases, make sure that you can handle it properly.
3. Choose and use the most suitable pesticides for specific pests or diseases.
4. Read and follow all the instructions on the label. The dosage and waiting period is important.



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5. Make sure that the sprayer is always in good condition. Always check the nozzle and replace spoiled ones.
6. Wear protective gears such as gloves, long-sleeved shirt, long pants, hat and boots. These gears should be clean and torn free.



*Wear protective gears when handling pesticides*

### Guidelines During Handling of Pesticides

1. Be careful when pouring or mixing the pesticides. Use gloves and mask.
2. Use suitable equipment for measuring or mixing. Do not use hands.
3. Do not eat, drink or smoke. If you need to smoke, stop spraying.



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4. Spray according to the direction of the wind. Stop spraying during strong wind.
5. Avoid going through areas which have just been sprayed. Make sure that children and other people are not at the spraying area.
6. Do not blow the end of the blocked nozzle. Use soft stick or grass to clean it or use nozzle filter to avoid blockage.
7. Stop spraying if the spray drift is in contact with the skin and you feel sick, weak and blurred vision. This may be due to poisoning.