

If April showers bring May flowers, what do June, July, and August bring?

Pesticide Poisonings

Pesticides are intended to kill insects, herbs, fungus, and rodents. They can be used inside and outside of the home.

Tips for handling pesticides:

Pesticides are not "safe". All are toxic to something. Pesticides can enter the body by inhaling the fumes, eating or drinking the pesticide, or by absorption through the skin. When using pesticides, be sure to:

- Take time to read the **ENTIRE** label, even if you have used it before!
- Follow directions carefully - don't think that twice the dosage will do twice the job - **IT WON'T!!**
- Mix the pesticide outdoors, or in a well-ventilated area.
- Keep children and pets away from the area where you mix or apply pesticides.
- Keep pesticides in containers that clearly identify the contents.
- Wear the protective clothing the label suggests, washing it separately afterwards.
- Be sure to shower immediately after the application
- Never place rodent or insect baits where small children or pets can reach them.
- Before applying pesticides (indoors or outdoors), remove children, their toys as well as pets from the area, and keep them away until the pesticide has dried or longer if directed by the label.
- Keep the telephone number of your Poison Control Center near your telephone (1.800.222.1222)



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