



# Extension FactSheet

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## Pesticide Education Program

### Farm Pesticide Storage and Security Checklist

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#### Storage Structure

- Dedicated structure for storage  
(*building, room, or cabinet*)
- Good roof with no leaks
- Impermeable, liquid-proof flooring (*like concrete*)
- Secondary containment (*curbs around loading pad or pans under containers*)
- Sump available
- Located at least 100 feet from well
- Storage area kept locked
- Ventilation and lighting inside
- Outside fence if practical

#### Pesticide Storage

- Pesticides are stored in original containers
- Original labels are intact and readable
- Pesticides stored separate from food, feed, seed, and fertilizer
- Pesticides protected from freezing
- Shelves made from steel, not wood
- Order only amount of pesticides needed and return unused amounts
- Store protective equipment separately
- Post warning signs on storage area:  
"Danger—Pesticides—Keep Out"
- Post "No Smoking" signs

#### Pesticide Security

- Don't sell or give products to people you don't know (it's illegal for a non-dealer to sell Restricted Use Products)
- Inspect storage regularly
- Report any thefts immediately
- Keep products for disposal locked
- Secure tanks and mini-bulks to avoid siphoning or stealing
- Good key control is exercised

#### Pesticide Emergencies

- Sign on storage entrance with contact person information
- Sign on storage entrance with emergency numbers (*poison control, police, fire departments*)
- Establish contact with local law enforcement and fire authorities
- Emergency response plan provided to Local Emergency Planning Committee and fire departments (if required)
  - list of products
  - average quantities
  - floor plan of facility
- Keep updated inventory (name, quantity, and location)
- Store inventory records away from storage facility

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## Equipment

- Never leave ignition keys in application equipment
- Keep pesticide application equipment secure
- Lock transport vehicles when driver is away
- Equipment marked with Owner Applied Number (*helps law enforcement identify stolen property*)
- Vehicles are stored inside when possible
- Unauthorized people cannot get to stored vehicles or stored pesticides

## General Security

- Watch for suspicious or unusual behavior
- All farm storage areas are substantial and in good repair with weeds and brush removed
- Fences are in good repair and present an orderly appearance
- Limit farm access with fences, gated driveways
- Have perimeter lighting, utilize guard dogs

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