

HOMEOWNER TIPS PROTECTING WATER

Before Buying Pest Control Products

- Identify the pest.
- Decide if pest control products are the best control measure or if there are alternatives available.
- Are integrated pest management guidelines available for this pest?
- Read the product label:
 - Is the pest listed on the label?
 - Is it the best product for the pest?

Before Mixing Your Sprayer

- Read the label carefully.
- Buy only enough pesticide to treat the area affected by the pest.
- Check the weather and don't apply if it's windy or about to rain
- Measure the area you're treating.
- Calculate how much spray to mix.
- Wear long sleeve shirt, long pants, shoes and any other protective equipment listed on the label and follow all the label precautions.
- Be prepared for spills and know how to clean them up.



When You're Ready To Spray

- Mix and load spray in an area where any spilled pesticide will not be able to drain or be washed away into storm drains, ditches, streams, ponds or other bodies of water.
- Mix sprayer on grass, not the sidewalk or driveway.
- Mix only as much as needed.

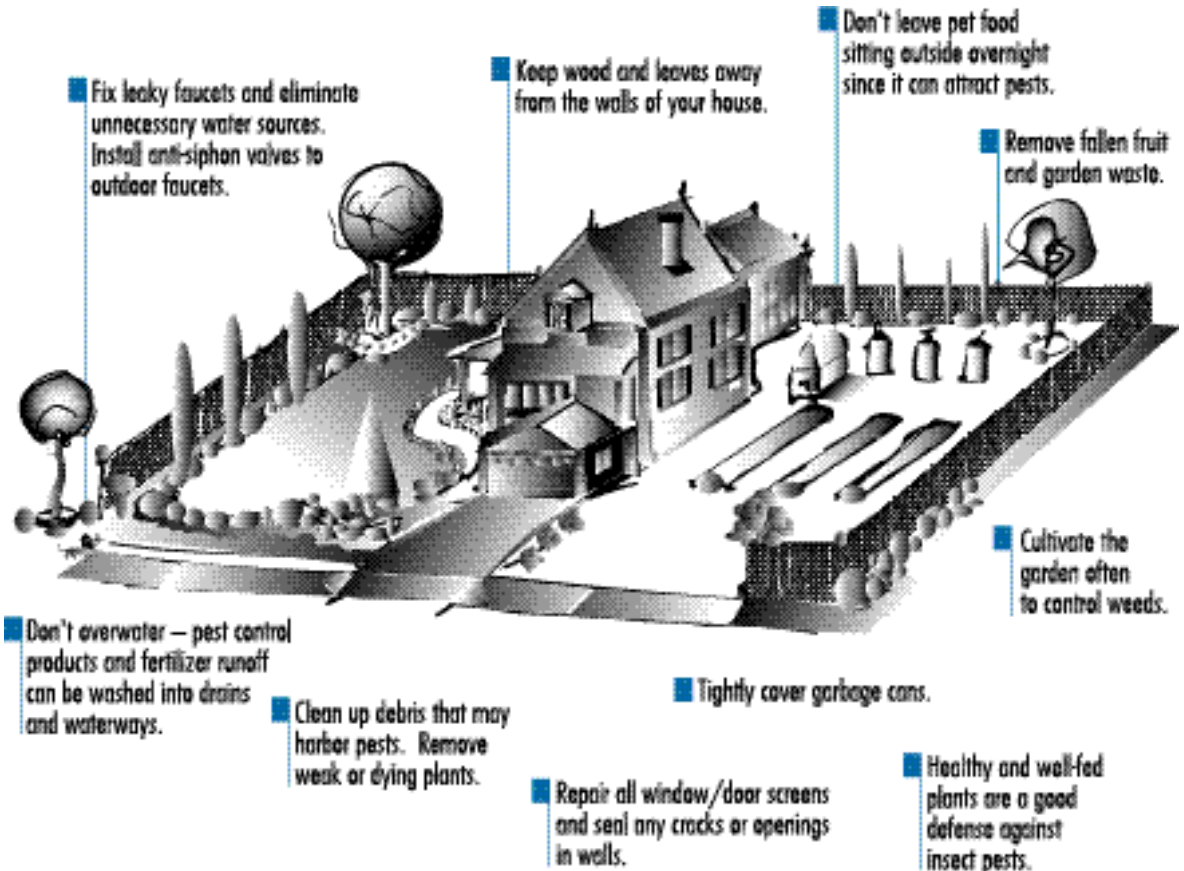
When You're Spraying

- AVOID spraying in or near storm drains, ditches, streams, and ponds!
- Leave an untreated strip around these areas to protect the water.

When You're done

- Never dump leftovers down any drain; Save for a future application.
- Triple-rinse sprayer and apply rinsewater to treated area.
- Take any old or unwanted pesticides to a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Center (714) 834-6752.

Using Pest Control Products.
It's Your Responsibility To Do It Right!



IPM... OUTSMARTING PESTS WHILE PROTECTING WATER

With Integrated Pest Management (IPM), homeowners use common sense and nature to make it difficult for pests to survive. IPM techniques include cultural practices (such as mulching to prevent weeds), encouraging natural enemies (good bugs), and judicious use of pest control products.

- First, identify your pest problem. To find the best solution, you need to pin down the problem. Consult gardening books, your county cooperative extension office or your local nursery.
- Decide how much pest control is necessary. If you can live with some pest damage, you can avoid intensive pest control product treatments.

- Choose an effective option. Try various types of controls first: washing bugs off plants, pruning diseased parts of plants. If you need to use pest control products, choose one that targets the problem and poses the least hazard.
- Finally, it's easier to prevent pests than to control them.

Think ahead.



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- Buena Park Public Works (714) 562-3655
- Costa Mesa Public Services (714) 754-5248
- Cypress Engineering (714) 229-6752
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- O.C. Storm Water Program (714) 567-6363
- 24 Hour Water Pollution Hotline (714) 567-6363 or
ashbyk@pfrd.co.orange.ca.us
- Chemical and Hazardous Material Spill Emergencies 911
- Other Important Phone Numbers:
- For Additional Brochures (714) 567-6363
- UC Masters & Coop Extension (714) 708-1646
ucmastergardeners@yahoo.com
- O.C. Household Hazardous Waste Information (714) 834-6752
or www.oc.ca.gov/IWMD
- Information on agriculture chemicals, pesticides and possible
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