The pesticide label provides valuable information about proper handling and use of the pesticide, potential risks the pesticide may pose to humans, animals, plants, and the environment, and instructions on how to minimize or avoid those risks. Every person who applies pesticides has the responsibility to read and follow the label information so no harm results from handling pesticides from the time of purchase through ultimate use or disposal.

Once you are certain of the pest and that you want to use a pesticide, **READ THE LABEL** several times to obtain the results you expect and prevent harm to yourself, water quality and the environment.

**Before You Buy**
Read the pesticide label to determine these basics:
- Where the pesticide can and cannot be applied.
- If the pesticide controls the pest or pests.
  - If the pesticide can be applied safely and legally under the application conditions.
  - Necessary application and safety equipment.
  - Amount of pesticide needed for the application (buy only the amount needed).
  - Relevant restrictions for use of the pesticide.

Compare different pesticide labels. Several different products often can control the same pest on the same site. Comparing the labels and product prices helps you select the product that controls the pest and is less hazardous or less expensive.

**Pesticides** [pest (nuisance) + –cide (kill or strike)] control, destroy or repel pests such as weeds, insects, rodents, birds, fungi, germs or other organisms that are annoying, unsightly, harmful to health, or cause loss or damage. When used carefully and properly, they provide many benefits: improve our surroundings, improve our food supply, and protect our health. **Pesticides are one of several strategies used in Integrated Pest Management.**
What’s On A Label?

By law, certain kinds of information must appear on a pesticide label. People who use pesticides have the legal responsibility to read, understand and follow the label directions.

1. **Product name**
2. **Type of pesticide**—The label must indicate the type of pesticide or what types of pests it controls.
3. **Ingredient statement**—Pesticide labeling lists active and inert ingredients and the amount of each.
4. **Signal word**—Indicates the acute toxicity from a single exposure.
   - **Danger–Poison:** Highly toxic and potentially deadly.
   - **Danger:** Corrosive, may cause irreversible eye or skin damage.
   - **Warning:** Moderately toxic, may cause eye or skin irritation.
   - **Caution:** Mildly toxic, may cause slight eye or skin irritation.
5. **Keep out of reach of children**—Required on all pesticide labels.
6. **Statement of practical treatment**—Lists first aid treatment for accidental exposure.
7. **Note to physician**—Provides emergency medical personnel with poison treatment information and suggested antidotes. This section often lists emergency phone numbers for additional information.
8. **Precautionary statements**—Identify potential hazards and recommend ways to minimize or avoid risks.
9. **Hazards to humans and domestic animals**—Indicates the most likely methods of exposure (mouth, skin, lungs, eyes, etc.) which may result in harm, and whether the concern is immediate, corrosiveness or potential illness. May list recommended preventative and protective measures such as personal protective equipment.
10. **Environmental hazards**—Lists potential hazards to wildlife, birds, fish or the environment—including water quality.
11. **Physical or chemical hazards**—Lists conditions which could result in additional hazards or reduced effectiveness of the product.
12. **Directions for use**—Indicates proper methods of application. Generally includes guidelines for approved usage, dosage, mixing, application equipment, timing and possible adverse effects.
13. **Storage and disposal**—All pesticide labels contain general instructions for proper storage and disposal of the pesticide and container.

### Active Ingredients

**PEST-B-GONE INSECTICIDE AND FUNGICIDE**

- **CONTROL INSECTS AND DISEASES ON FLOWERS AND ORNAMENTALS**
- **Statement of practical treatment**
- **Note to physician:**
- **Precautionary statements:**
- **Environmental hazards:**
- **Physical or chemical hazards:**
- **Directions for use:**
- **Storage and disposal:**
- **Product disposal:** Empty container by use. CONTAINER: Do not reuse empty jug. Rinse thoroughly before discarding in trash.

**Notice:** Buyer assumes all responsibilities for safety and use not in accordance with directions.

**Net Contents:** 1 pint