



Before Application of Pesticides

Why must I read and understand the product label?

So you know how to use the pesticides correctly and safely. Not using pesticides correctly will result to a waste of money, time and resources.




















Before applying pesticides, always:

- ✓ Wear the right personal protective equipment (PPE) for mixing and loading. 
- ✓ Check your spraying and drilling equipment. Any leaks must be repaired. If using a knapsack sprayer, check for damages to straps.
- ✓ Open product containers carefully, avoiding spills and keep it away from your body and face.
- ✓ Have a dedicated work area for preparation of spray mix. Do not prepare CPPs inside the house or close to drains, watercourses or drinking water supplies.
- ✓ Ensure you keep bystanders and animals away from the preparation area.
- ✓ Do not eat, drink, or smoke when mixing and/or loading the pesticides.
- ✓ Make sure to close containers carefully after preparation and place it back in the storage room after each use.

Always check the weather before spraying:

Always check the weather conditions in your area if it is favourable for application. This may affect the efficacy and safety of the pesticide use.

Avoid spraying in calm conditions (no wind) or when wind speed is too high. It is not recommended to spray in wind speeds above 5m/s. If spraying in 3 - 5 m/s winds, low drift nozzles should be used.

	Calm	Light Air	Light Breeze	Gentle Breeze	Moderate Breeze
					
					
					

All spray equipment needs calibration.

Calibration should be done at least once in a season depending on the amount of use. Calibration is essential to ensure that the correct dose of CPP is being applied. Correct calibration reduces your costs by improving control and reducing wastage.

