



Storing Pesticides

Why is correct and safe storage of pesticides essential?

- ✓ Protect human health
- ✓ Maintain product integrity and effectiveness
- ✓ Protect the environment
- ✓ Ensure compliance with local or applicable laws



Always comply with local pesticides storage laws and regulations, applicable to your area.

Tips to build and manage your storage rooms or sheds:

- ✓ Build storage rooms away from waterways and wells.
- ✓ Keep storage rooms separated from other buildings, especially residential buildings.
- ✓ Make sure the storage room is resistant to fire and has sufficient air ventilation.
- ✓ All storage rooms must store solely pesticides to avoid confusion.
- ✓ Your storage room should also contain: first aid kit, fire extinguisher or fire blanket, sand or cat litter to absorb spills, strong plastic bags, buckets, brush and dustpan, soap and water to wash hands.

Keep the store clean and tidy. Avoid trip hazards on the floor.

Simple storage tips to stay safe:

1. Never eat, drink or smoke in the storage room or close to the storage box.
2. Store pesticides in a securely locked place — away from food, humans and animals. This reduces the risk of contamination, poisoning or theft.
3. Store pesticides in their original containers with the original label so that you know what the product is.
4. Always read the pesticide label, some chemicals might have specific storage needs.
5. Store solid products above liquid products to prevent spills and contamination.
6. Do not store untreated seeds, food, farm animals or their feed in the pesticide store.
7. Always be prepared for emergencies and have a clearly visible and up-to-date list of emergency numbers on storage boxes or rooms.
8. If there are leftover treated seeds, store and seal them in their original labeled bags and containers.