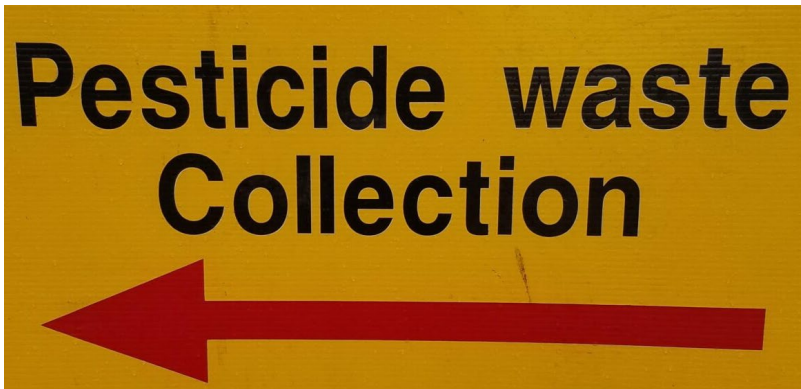


# HOW TO SAFELY TRANSPORT PESTICIDES

Pesticides should always be handled carefully and according to the label. When transporting pesticides and their containers, you must take appropriate safety precautions to minimize or prevent leaks or spills. The following transportation tips can help you be prepared, know what to do in case of spills, and have the proper spill cleanup equipment on hand. Always wash your hands after handling pesticides or pesticide containers.

## The Pesticide Collection Day



Drive with care to avoid breaking containers, causing spills, environmental contamination, or harm to yourself and others. Accidents can occur even when you are transporting materials a short distance. Do all you can to prevent a mishap, but be prepared in case of emergency. Before transporting pesticides, you should know what to do if a spill occurs. If any pesticide is spilled in or from the vehicle, take action right away to make sure the spill is cleaned up correctly.

- **Transporting Pesticides.** The safest way to transport pesticides is in the back of a truck or pickup, with the pesticide containers tied down securely. If you use a flatbed truck, it should have side and tail racks. If the truck has a wooden bed, insert an impervious liner such as plastic or a truck bed liner before loading pesticides. Make sure your truck is in good operating condition.
- **Load your waste pesticides.** Improperly loaded pesticide containers can fall from your vehicle, or become punctured or torn during transit. When loading containers, handle them carefully; don't toss or drop them. Avoid sliding containers over rough surfaces that could rip bags or puncture rigid containers. Place items upright and brace containers to prevent shifting during transport; drive directly to the collection site.
- **Form a line.** Arrive within your time slot to avoid unnecessary waiting. At the Entry Checkpoint, follow the instructions given and please stay in your vehicle unless otherwise directed.



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- **Proceed to the unloading Area.** When signaled, proceed to the unloading area. Your load will be compared to your registration form. The contractor will inspect your waste pesticides, look for extra containers or nonconforming pesticide wastes, and unload your vehicle. Stay in your vehicle unless otherwise directed by the contractor. After unloading, ask the contractor to check your vehicle to make sure there was no leakage during transport.
- **Proceed to the exit.** After unloading, you will be guided to the exit.

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