

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.

Packing Damaged or Leaking Containers for Transport



- **LIQUID MATERIALS**

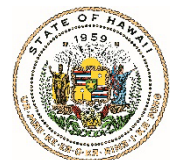
For your safety, do not mix or consolidate pesticide waste. If there is a label, attach the label to the container. Place containers upright and brace them to prevent shifting during transport.

If the container is leaking, put on appropriate personal protective equipment (“PPE”) and place the damaged or leaking container into a larger, secondary, leakproof container, such as a 5-gallon bucket or similar container. If available, securely close the container with the bucket’s lid. If a lid is unavailable, before placing the leaking container inside, line the bucket or similar container with a leakproof garbage bag. Securely close the bag with a knot, string or twist tie. **DO NOT TAPE!** The bag will need to be opened once delivered to the collection location.

A leakproof garbage bag placed inside a sturdy cardboard box with vermiculite or other non-flammable absorbent material (i.e., kitty litter) may also be used for transportation (this arrangement is not recommended for long term storage). Clean up any spilled pesticide and place the contaminated materials in the secondary container. Securely close the bag with a knot, string or twist tie.



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- **DRY MATERIALS**

Don the appropriate PPE. Place the original bag inside an oversized leakproof plastic garbage bag. Place the plastic bag inside sturdy container such as a cardboard box or plastic, 5-gallon bucket. Securely close the bag with a knot, string or twist tie. **DO NOT TAPE!** The bag will need to be opened once delivered to the collection location.

If there is a label, attach the label to the container. Place containers upright and brace them to prevent shifting during transport.

For questions, comments, or concerns please contact Adam Williams - Pesticide Disposal Program Project Manager, 808-973-9408, adam.williams@hawaii.gov, or visit the HDOA webpage for more information: <https://hdoa.hawaii.gov/pi/main/pesticide-disposal-program/>



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