

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.

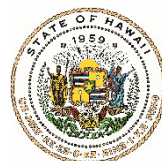
Packing/Repacking for Transport



- **Wear protective clothing.** Don the proper personal protective equipment as instructed by the label or as the situation requires prior to packing or repacking for transport.
- **Keep pesticides in their original containers.** Do not remove products from their original containers unless the container is leaking or questionable. Many of these pesticide containers meet the U.S. Department of Transportation packaging standards to give added protection to the contents. If a pesticide is not in its original container and you have the label, bring the label to help assist with identifying the pesticide.
- **Line the vehicle's storage area with plastic.** Line the storage area of the transport vehicle with plastic sheeting to contain any spillage that might occur and therefore simplify cleanup and decontamination. If possible, transport the pesticide waste to the collection site in the back of a pickup or trunk of a car.
- **Organize your pesticides.** If possible, arrange the pesticides by hazard class (flammable, corrosive, oxidizer, etc).
- **Inspect containers before loading.** Be sure to inspect the pesticide container(s) prior to loading your vehicle. Confirm that all caps, plugs, or other openings are tightly closed.



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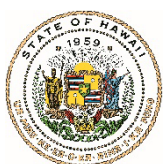
- **Prevent shifting or container damage when transporting.** To prevent container damage and leakage, when packing pesticide containers for transport, secure containers to prevent shifting, rolling, sliding, overturning or spilling. Insert pieces of cardboard in between tightly packed containers for cushioning.
- **Protect containers from the elements.** Keep all containers dry during transport.
- **Complete your registration form.** Make sure your load matches your completed registration form.
- **Drive directly to the collection site.** Only transport containers that are securely packaged, leak-free, and unbroken. Tightly close lids (if applicable). If there is a label, attach the label to the container.

Never transport pesticides with food, livestock or animal feed. Transport pesticides separately from seed, grain, or consumer goods. Avoid exposure to humans and animals.

Do not transport pesticides in areas occupied by passengers. Spilled chemicals may cause harmful fumes that can be inhaled and make the driver and other passengers ill. A pesticide spilled in the cab is difficult to remove and may lead to long-term inhalation exposure.

Transportation-related accidents can happen at any point along the way; drive with care. Take precautions when transporting pesticides; avoid unnecessary travel and drive directly to the collection site.

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



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