

## **Chemical Safety - Materials and Storage**

When handling chemicals proper eye and skin protection such as chemical resistant goggles, gloves, long sleeved shirt, long pants, socks and shoes are recommended. Chemical-resistant gloves, such as, Barrier Laminate, Nitrile Rubber, Neoprene Rubber or Viton are common. After handling, thoroughly wash with soap and water. Avoid contact with skin, eyes and clothing. If chemicals contaminate clothing, remove contaminating and wash.

Most pyrethrin and permethrin products are toxic to fish and other aquatic invertebrates. Avoid placing spray nozzles near lakes, rivers, streams, ponds or other fish habitats.

### **Improper pesticide storage and disposal can be hazardous to human health and the environment. Follow these safety recommendations:**

- Follow all storage instructions on the pesticide label.
- Store pesticides high enough so that they are out of reach of children and pets. If possible, keep all pesticides in a locked cabinet in a well-ventilated utility area or garden shed.
- Never store pesticides in cabinets with or near food, animal feed or medical supplies.
- Always store pesticides in their original containers, which include the label listing ingredients, directions for use, and first aid steps in case of accidental poisoning.
- Never transfer pesticides to soft drink bottles or other containers. Children or others may mistake them for something to eat or drink.
- Do not store pesticides in places where flooding is possible or in places where they might spill or leak into wells, drains, ground water, or surface water.
- If you can't identify the contents of the container, or if you can't tell how old the contents are safely dispose the contents and container.

If in doubt – be safe!