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RoseCare.com Ten Safety Rules

Follow when mixing, measuring, and applying pesticides.

1 Mixing Powders

When mixing wettable powders, add the material to a small amount of water and mix making a slurry, then add water to make the recommended ratio. This step makes it easier to get the material into solution. When mixing emulsifiable concentrates add the concentrate to water rather than pouring water on the concentrate. This will prevent the concentrate from being splashed back on you. If you're using a hose end applicator pour the measured concentrate into the spray bottle and add water to the recommended ratio.

2 Mixing Chemicals

Always mix chemicals on a level uncluttered surface. This will help avoid spills and inhaling harmful vapors. Always pour chemicals below chest height. This will prevent accidental spills to your eyes, nose, and mouth.

3 Weather

Check the temperature before mixing pesticides, many do not perform well at temperatures below 50 degrees, or may damage plants at temperatures above 90 degrees. If rain is predicted within a 12 hour period delay your spraying, rain may wash off the chemical reducing its effectiveness.

4 Spraying

Don't spray on a windy day. It will alter spray coverage and may drift your spray to a non target. It is generally best to spray in the early morning when the wind is calm. If there is a breeze do not spray into the wind.

5 Storage

Always keep garden chemicals locked up, and store them in their original containers. Moisture, air, light, will reduce the shelf life of your pesticides. Do not subject pesticides to freezing or temperatures that exceed 110 degrees. Try not to purchase more than you can use in a two year period.

6 Amounts

Don't mix more pesticide than you'll need during one application, or save unused mixed pesticide. If you over estimate the amount needed, don't dump the material on the street or soil. Spray the excess material on other areas of the garden which have the same labeled use.

7 Labeling

If any of your pesticides loose their label, properly discard them. Check with your city or county, many municipalities have free pick up or collection centers for unwanted toxins.

8 Utensils

Never use kitchen utensils for measuring pesticides. Purchase pesticide measuring devices and store them with your chemicals.

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Proportions

Resist the temptation to alter the rates and mix more pesticide than is recommended. More concentrate doesn't translate to better control. It may be harmful to your plants and pose a greater risk to yourself.

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Clean-Up

If you use the entire contents of the bottle, rinse the container three times and use the rinse water as part of the spray solution. After spraying, wash your sprayer out with soap and water, then wash yourself up with soap and water. Never smoke, eat or chew gum while spraying.

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