

Promoting Environmental Awareness for Community Health

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Pesticide Safety

Pesticides are a diverse group of chemicals that are used in a variety of ways. They are often used...

in your home

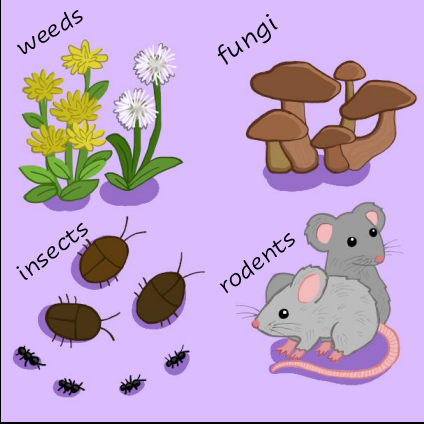


in your garden



on your pets

Pesticides are used to control...



Some pesticides are...



The level of harm can vary!

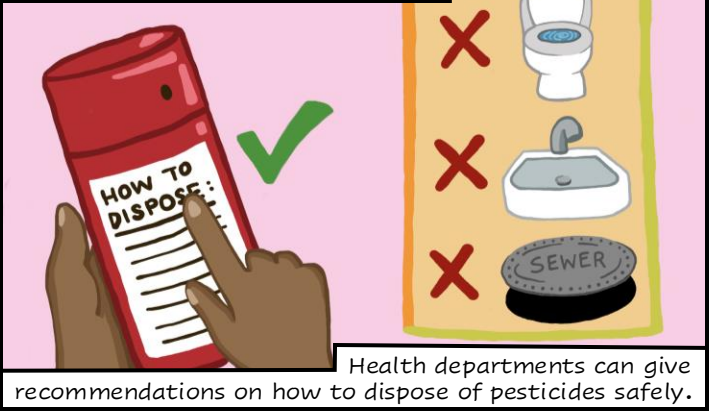


Some are more dangerous than others.

Because these substances can be dangerous, it's important to store them safely.



Dispose of pesticides properly. Don't pour them down toilets, sinks, or sewers.



Some pesticides that were used in the past can persist in the environment for a long time, sometimes decades.



Pesticides can cause health effects, which can show up immediately or over a long period of time.

nausea headache watery eyes dizziness

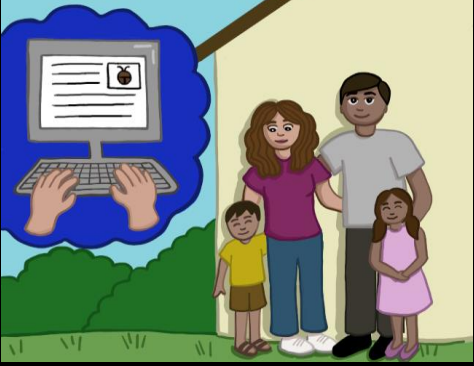


Some symptoms are irritating, while others are more severe.



Some pesticides can increase the risk of certain childhood cancers, such as leukemia.

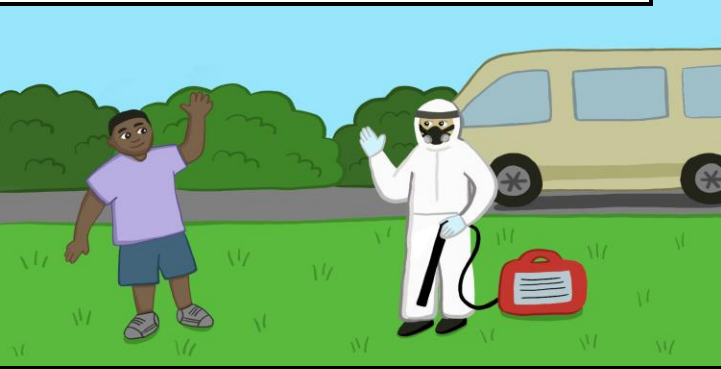
Integrated pest management is a set of strategies to keep your family safe while preventing pests.



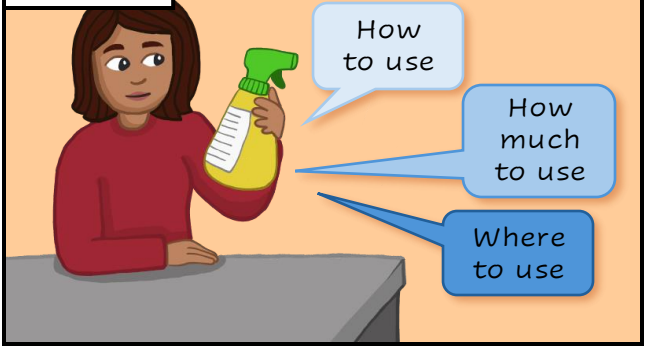
Preventive actions can limit the need for pesticides.



If you do need to use pesticides, consider hiring a professional, who has the right equipment and skills.



If you use pesticides yourself, read all the information on the label and follow all the instructions.



Do not use pesticides that are expired or pesticides with labels you cannot clearly read.



Talk to your healthcare provider if you have concerns.

