

Personal Protection Equipment

- It is important to reduce exposure to any pesticides by protecting yourself. These are the basic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for pesticides you are using.
- These are guidelines ONLY!
- You MUST read the label for the specific PPE requirements of the pesticide that you plan to apply.



The label is the law!

Generally PPE items include: chemical-resistant gloves, shoes/socks, long sleeve shirts, long pants and protective eyewear. Other requirements may apply while mixing pesticides.

1. GLOVES: Unlined chemical-resistant gloves are what most pesticide labels specify. Never wear canvas, leather, cotton, or other fabric gloves unless specified on the product label.

2. SHOES/SOCKS: Shoes should be water-proof not water resistant. You can also wear chemical-resistant boots or use shoe coverings. Be sure the footwear chosen will not absorb the spray. Always wear your pant legs outside of the footwear to prevent spray from getting to the inside of the shoe.

3. LONG SLEEVE SHIRTS/PANTS: Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants to protect yourself. Always wash your PPE with detergent, hot water, and separately from other laundry!

4. PROTECTIVE EYEWEAR: Any eyewear, including prescription glasses and sunglasses, will help protect your eyes from splashing when mixing and applying pesticides. Contact lenses are NOT recommended as droplets may be trapped between the lens and the eye.

5. OTHER REQUIREMENTS: Items such as a chemical-resistant apron and safety goggles may be required when mixing and applying certain pesticides. In rare circumstances, a respirator may be required. ALWAYS check the label before mixing pesticides.