Pesticide Mixing and Loading

EQUIPMENT LOADING
- Mix and load chemicals at least 100 feet from wells, ponds, ditches and wetlands.
- Avoid over-filling spray tanks, including foaming.
- Install backsiphon protection devices or leave a fixed air-gap between fill hose and tank. Never let the fill hose drop into the spray solution.
- Never leave the equipment unattended while filling.
- During mixing or loading, you are handling pesticides in their most concentrated form. Use personal protection equipment called for on the label.
- Use nurse tanks to transport water, only. Don't transport mixed spray material.

APPLICATION
- Mix only enough pesticide to do the job.
- Check application rates, accuracy and pattern frequently during application.
- Shut off the equipment when making turns, stops or equipment adjustments.
- Avoid drift. During light breezes, apply into the wind or across the equipment, never from the back.
- Wear appropriate personal protection equipment.

SPILLS
- Contain the spill; keep it from getting worse.
- Wear the same personal protection equipment as required during mix/load.
- Call CHEMTRAC and the State Warning Point for major spills.
- Clean up the spill immediately. Don't hose it down or allow pesticides to contaminate water or drain into wells.
- Use absorbent material such as cat-litter or soil to clean up the spill.
**RINSEWATER**
G Container rinse water should go in the spray tank, not on the ground.
G Collect and re-use equipment rinse water as a diluent for subsequent applications.

**EMPTY CONTAINERS**
G Triple-rinse or pressure rinse containers.
G Burn paper containers on-site, and bury the ashes.
G Store empty, rinsed containers safely while accumulating enough to dispose with the County Solid Waste Management. Call for pick-up or to arrange for delivery.
G Never disposed of empty containers in dumpsters or in sinkholes.
G Recycle plastic containers when possible

*Wash hands before eating, drinking, chewing gum, using tobacco, or using the toilet.*