

How do you dispose of Garden Care Chemicals safely?

Help protect your local environment and wildlife, and prevent water pollution. Never dispose of unwanted product, diluted product or rinsings in household drains, ditches or ponds.

Use up any surplus spray solution by applying on areas the product is designed to be used on (found on the product label).

Rinse empty concentrate containers three times and use up the rinsings by adding to your final spray application. Dispose of empty concentrate containers in the normal household waste.

Empty Ready to Use spray containers can be disposed of with household recycling.

Dispose of unused, unwanted product in its container at a registered Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC). For further information contact your local waste disposal authority. Alternatively use the following website www.gardenchemicaldisposal.co.uk

This leaflet is a joint initiative between The Crop Protection Association, The National Allotment Society and Water UK.

Further Information

The Common Sense Gardening Group is a part of the Crop Protection Association. Its aim is to provide gardeners with advice on how to use, store and dispose of garden care chemicals safely. www.garden-care.org.uk

The National Allotment Society works with government at national and local levels, other organisations and landlords to provide, promote and preserve allotments for all.

www.nsalg.org.uk

Water UK represents all major statutory water and wastewater service supply organisations in the UK. Water companies are required to supply wholesome and safe drinking water at the customers tap. Water UK is working to reduce raw water pollution to minimise the need for expensive water treatment processes. www.water.org.uk

The Chemicals Regulation Directorate provides further information on garden chemicals:

www.pesticides.gov.uk/garden_home.asp

Safe Use and Disposal of Garden Care Chemicals

This leaflet is aimed at helping allotment holders understand how to use and dispose of garden care chemicals safely, to ensure no chemical enters local watercourses or the wider aquatic environment.



How to use Garden Care Chemicals safely



Consider non-chemical methods to control pests, weeds and diseases.



If you decide you need to use a pesticide, check before you buy; you may already have what you need. Only buy the amount you need for the job.



Always read the label carefully and use according to instructions. Store product in its original container in a secure place beyond the reach of children and animals.



Always apply the correct dose as explained on the label. Only make up the amount you need. Making up too much will waste product and money. Only use on the area or plants where you identify a problem.



For small areas consider Ready to Use products which are already diluted for use.



Spray in the early morning or early evening when bees are not active (remember that bumblebees may be around later in the evening than honey bees), and in calm conditions to avoid spray drift.



For slug control, consider alternatives to pellets containing metaldehyde as these may cause problems for water quality. If you do use pellets or sprays, only use them if rain is not forecast. Pay attention to the distance between each pellet (never apply in heaps), only apply around plants that need to be protected.



Be aware of ditches and watercourses close to your allotment and never apply the product or pellets close to or in the ditch or watercourse.

