

Disposal of Pesticide Containers

- Containers that have held ready to use products can be put straight into your household rubbish.
- Containers which have held a concentrated product and which are not sealed (aerosols and some trigger sprays are sealed) must be rinsed 3 times. You should dispose of the washings as though they were surplus dilute solution. The empty containers can then be disposed of with your normal household rubbish.
- Sealed containers should be treated as hazardous household waste. Household quantities can be disposed of at the Bellozanne recycling centre during normal opening hours. Larger quantities by prior arrangement only, at Bellozanne. Please contact the Liquid Waste Manager on **01534 448544**.
- Empty garden pesticide containers should not be used again for any other purposes and are not suitable for recycling.

Remember, pesticides approved for use in gardens are safe to the user and the environment provided that they are used according to the label, stored properly and disposed of properly.

Causing or knowingly permitting pollution of controlled waters is an offence under the **Water Pollution (Jersey) Law, 2000**. There are however strong defences that may be available to persons acting in a responsible manner.

A copy of the law can be obtained from the States Greffe bookshop or it can be viewed at www.jerseylegalinfo.je

In an Emergency

If you believe that pollution of water has occurred or is likely to occur, please contact Environmental Protection on Tel. **01534 709535**.

Further Information

For further information on using pesticides in the garden please refer to the following websites:

Pesticide Safety Directorate:

www.pesticides.gov.uk

Health & Safety Executive:

www.hse.gov.uk/pesticides/index.htm

The Environment Agency:

www.environmentagency.gov.uk

Jersey Water:

www.jerseywater.je

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Water Made Clearer: Garden Pesticides and the Aquatic Environment

Jersey Water and the Environment Department monitor the level of pesticides (chemicals used to kill insects, weeds etc) in streams, reservoirs and groundwater throughout the Island. Whilst low levels of agricultural pesticides have been detected in the past, Environmental Protection are now finding that a number of pollution incidents have resulted from the spillage or misuse of garden pesticides. The aim of this leaflet is to offer advice to all users of garden pesticides concerning the risks to the environment associated with the storage, application and disposal of these types of chemicals.

Before Using a Pesticides

- Identify the weed, disease or pest affecting the area in your garden (If in doubt seek advice from garden centre staff).
- Check that there is no alternative method of control.

- Could you remove the weeds by hand?
- Could you grow resistant varieties?
- Hand picking is an effective method of reducing the presence of slugs and snails.

- If you decide that you need to use a pesticide, is it possible to reduce the amount you use or the area you need to apply it to?

Always Use Pesticides Safely

- Choose the right product for the problem. Seek advice from sales staff or use the helpline provided by the manufacturers. **If you are not sure DON'T guess.**
- Before buying more, always check that you do not have a suitable product stored at home.
- Always read the label and apply **exactly** as directed.
- Try to buy **Ready to Use** products and never buy more than you need.
- If you are using a product that needs to be diluted first, think about how much solution you will need. Practice with your sprayer first using only clean water as this will tell you how much spray mixture you will need to cover the area you are working on. Keep a record for future use.
- Use good quality spraying equipment that is well maintained and does not leak.



- **DO NOT USE** pesticides near water or drains.
- Keep children and pets away from treated areas.
- Check whether the label specifies an interval between spraying and harvesting of fruit or vegetables. This is known as the **Harvest Interval**.
- Always wash your hands after use.

Storage

- Do not store garden pesticides near water or drains.
- Store pesticides securely away from children and pets.
- Ensure that containers are kept tightly closed.
- Always keep products in their original packaging.
- Store away from extremes of temperature i.e. away from direct sunlight and protected from frost.
- Never store surplus diluted product. Most diluted pesticides quickly deteriorate.
- Never store unwanted or out of date products. Dispose of them properly (see below).

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- Avoid disposal problems by only buying what you need.
- If you are buying a product that needs to be diluted before use, think in advance what you will do with any left over spray solution.
- If any solution is left over after spraying, it can be carefully applied to other parts of your garden such as bare, level areas of soil or gravel paths. Do not spray on areas near or around ponds, watercourses, marshy areas or ditches.
- Unwanted garden pesticides, in solid or liquid form, are classified as hazardous household waste. Household quantities can be disposed of at the Bellozanne recycling centre during normal opening hours.
- **Never** put unwanted products down drains, sinks, lavatories, or in water courses.