

**Store original pesticide and fertilizer containers in a leakproof container to protect your drinking water!**



**A spilled hazardous product can endanger anyone who comes into contact with it. If it is not cleaned up, it can harm people, plants and animals, and leach into groundwater.**

## **Groundwater: Everyone's Resource, Everyone's Responsibility**

For additional information, contact:

Michigan Groundwater  
Stewardship Program

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P.O. Box 30017

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Telephone: (517) 335-6529

Web site: [www.mda.state.mi/us/environment/groundwater/index.html](http://www.mda.state.mi/us/environment/groundwater/index.html)

Or contact your local MSU Extension or Conservation District office for information about local programs.



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# **Don't Just Floor it, Properly Contain and Lock to Store It!**



**Are your pesticides and  
fertilizers stored in a  
safe place?**

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## Pesticides and fertilizers should be stored:

- In their original containers with visible and intact labels.
- Away from children, pets, wildlife and irresponsible adults, preferably in a lockable container or cabinet.
- In a tray, tub or sealed location to minimize accidental spills.
- Off the floor in a well ventilated, safe location.
- Away from food, feed, seed and water.
- Away from floor drains.

## Pesticide suggestions

- Properly dispose of any unwanted pesticides or fertilizers at a household hazardous waste collection.
- Purchase only the amount of product that you need — then you won't need to store it.

## Make a pesticide storage and spill kit

1. **Lockable storage container** – Cost: \$4 to \$25. The container acts as secondary containment to keep spills or leaks from spreading. It is lockable to prevent access by children.
2. **Pet litter** – \$1 to \$4. Litter readily absorbs liquids. This is valuable to soak up any spilled liquid hazardous products.
3. **Safety goggles** – \$3 to \$10. Eyes are extremely sensitive to harsh chemicals.
4. **Neoprene gloves** – \$3 to \$10. Neoprene gloves are resistant to chemicals.
5. **Garbage bags** – \$1 to \$2. For easy handling of leaky or spilled material.
6. **Broom and dust pan** – \$2 to \$4. To sweep up spilled material.
7. **Locks** – \$3 to \$15. To prevent access by children, animals or irresponsible adults.
8. **Emergency information** – Include the telephone number for the Poison Control System (1-800-222-1222) and local emergency response.

**Total cost varies from \$17 to \$70.**