

Maine Board of Pesticides Control



Pesticide Retailers Fact Sheet

State Requirements in Brief:

- Identify pesticide display areas with the required sign
- All pesticide containers must be in good condition with all the label legible
- Keep pesticides 10' from feed or food. Don't display pesticides above food or feed either.
- Pesticides displayed outdoors must be protected by a roof and be securely fenced.
- Keep a clean-up kit handy.

Handling Tips in Brief:

- Protect bagged pesticides from damage.
- Monitor pesticide areas for spills and clean them up quickly.
- Dispose of waste pesticides through a licensed disposal company
- Remove damaged containers or ones with illegible labels quickly

For more information visit the BPC website at thinkfirstspraylast.org or call 287-2731

State Requirements for Self-Service Display Areas

- All pesticides on display shall be located in a separate area that is identified by signs. The signs are available from the BPC or can be downloaded from the BPC web site at http://www.maine.gov/agriculture/pesticides/pdf/selfserv_sign.pdf
- All pesticide containers in the self-service sales area shall be in good condition and have full labeling intact. It is prohibited to have torn, punctured, rusted or leaking pesticide containers in the self-service sales area.
- *Non-exempt pesticides shall not be on display within 10 feet of food or animal feed products. Pesticides shall not be on display above food or animal feed products.
- Any outdoor pesticide display area must be securely fenced and must have a roof to protect the material from the elements.
- Each retail or wholesale establishment must be equipped with spill cleanup materials sufficient to absorb 2 times the volume of the largest container stored. These cleanup materials must be readily available and easily accessible.



Safe Pesticide Storage & Handling Tips

- Place a kick board or a display carton around pallet displays to protect bags and prevent damage from carts and other materials.
- Check display areas regularly. Spills of dry pesticides are quite common at retail facilities and create hazards for both employees and customers. Assign specific employees to check the pesticide display areas to ensure there are no damaged packages and any spills are cleaned up quickly and disposed of properly.
- It's unlawful to sell pesticides in damaged containers. Bags of dry pesticides tear fairly easily, so retailers need to have procedures for dealing with them. All of the package directions must be legible. Small tears can be repaired using clear tape that doesn't conceal any of the product directions. Bags with larger tears or water damage cannot be sold. These can be given away to licensed commercial applicators or used by store owners/managers on their private property.



*Go to <http://www.maine.gov/agriculture/pesticides/library/pdf/GUPDLaw.pdf>