

Practical Hints

Are special measures necessary to remove residue from clothing worn while spraying or mixing pesticides, or will regular washing take care of the problem? According to a recent study conducted at Iowa State University, the normal procedures used for laundering heavily soiled clothing are sufficient to take care of 99.8% of pesticide residues.

Since pesticides can easily enter the body through the skin, it is important to give careful attention to clothing contaminated with pesticides, especially any that may have been heavily contaminated through drift or spills. It is also important to protect other family members from coming into contact with any pesticide residues on the soiled clothing.

Any clothing which may contain pesticide residues should be washed daily and separately from other family laundry. This clothing should not be kept with other soiled family clothes before washing. It should either be placed directly into the washer after removing or into a plastic and secure bag if laundering cannot be done immediately.

A full or normal level of hot (140 degree) water and the recommended amount of heavy-duty, phosphate-based detergent should be used. Clothes must be dried before wearing. As a possible extra precaution to remove residues from the washer a complete washing cycle may be run afterwards using detergent and water, but with no laundry in machine.

In the study the test fabrics used were a heavy weight denim of 100% cotton and a polyester cotton blend chambray, the herbicide atrazine and the insecticide thimet were the pesticides. The pre-washed fabric was contaminated with pesticide and then washed and dried, using normal household procedures. Fabrics and water samples were tested for residues.

Ramblin' with Hertwig

Bill Nuessle who left Lake San Marcos C.C. to build a new course at Wilsonville, Oregon has returned to take over his old position at Lake San Marcos, replacing Ron LeTourneau who resigned to accept a position with the Parks dept. of the City of San Marcos. Welcome home Bill.

For a change of pace the Central California Chapter of G.C.S.A. formed a group and chartered a bus to attend our Southern California Turf and Equipment Show at Orange County Fairgrounds.

Vacation time; Leo Renteria and family home again after a delightful trip to Spain.

Nick Del Selva also back on deck after a touring trip to Northern California.

Steve Carlton of Los Coyotes C.C. reports that they will install a new irrigation system.

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