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1. Read label carefully, and follow directions exactly;
2. Be certain to use proper material for exact crop and disease, as some fungicides may injure certain crops;
3. Since fungi do not move about on leaf surfaces, proper coverage is essential; make certain all foliage is thoroughly covered;
4. Measure material accurately, since too little will not give good protection, and too much may cause injury or give excess residues;
5. Apply at regular intervals, because organic breakdown and growth of new leaves may eliminate effectiveness; a 7-10 day application interval is recommended;
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