

Cleaning Contaminated Clothing

Pesticides are great for getting rid of unwanted weeds and insects, but they aren't very good for humans. Chemicals are frequently spilled during mixing, and it is sometimes impossible to keep them from drifting back on the operator during application. Because pesticides can enter the body through the skin, proper care in the laundry room is vital.

A recent study by researchers at Iowa State University, Ames, showed that normal laundering is sufficient to remove 99.8 to 99.9 percent of the chemicals. Sample fabrics consisting of heavy cotton denim and a polyester/cotton blend chambray were contaminated with Atrazine, a herbicide, and Thimet, an insecticide, then washed and dried using normal household procedures.

Clothing worn while applying pesticides should be kept separate from other clothing and washed daily, using the following procedure:

1. Store contaminated clothing in a plastic bag to await laundering or put them directly into the machine after they are removed.
2. Use hot water, 140 degrees Fahrenheit, with the machine set for normal or full water level.
3. Add recommended amount of heavy-duty phosphate-based detergent.
4. Dry the clothes thoroughly in an automatic dryer at the regular fabric setting.
5. Make sure no pesticides are left in the washer by running the empty machine through the complete laundering cycle, using detergent.

Fore Front

All was not quite as rosy as it first appeared for a country club superintendent whose employer provided him with a rent-free house across the road from the golf club and also paid his utility bills. The U.S. Internal Revenue Service said that since the superintendent's residence on golf club grounds was not required as a **condition of his employment**, he must include the fair rental value of the house along with the cost of his utilities in his **gross taxable income**.

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THE MOLE

The mole was told that **Dudley Smith** was talking about having a flea market at Silver Lake in mid-September. Any member of the MAGCS could bring a truck loaded with his excess material or machines to a central spot and see if another superintendent needed the excess. This would be mostly true of discontinued materials such as long shank keys for sprinkler systems and sod cups. It is rumored also that Dudley has even apprehended some of the suppliers to provide a corn boil and other refreshments. When Mama Mole heard about the flea market, she got the wrong idea. After I had calmed her down, she even volunteered to hunt up her garage sale signs.

During vacation time, many superintendents travel around the country. **Ray Gerber** is thinking about compiling a listing of retired members who would enjoy seeing friends at any time. Anyone having contact with any retired member, please send his address to Ray Gerber.



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