

## Tips for Laundering Pesticide-Contaminated Clothing

Clothing worn by people who use pesticides needs special laundering.

Home gardeners may not even realize that the clothes they wear when dusting rose bushes or the vegetable garden need special treatment.

Garments worn when using pesticides should not be put in the family wash, since the chemicals can migrate to other clothes in the same washload.

The following tips are offered by the Cornell Cooperative Extension, Department of Textiles and Clothing, New York State College of Human Ecology.

*Clip this article and post it by the washing machine.*

### Prerinse

Use one of three methods:

1. Hose off garment outdoors.
2. Rinse in separate tub or pail.
3. Agitate in automatic washer.

### Pre-treat (heavily contaminated garments)

Use heavy-duty liquid.

### Washer Load

Wash garments separately from family wash.

Wash garments contaminated with the same pesticide together.

### Load Size

Wash only a few garments at once.

### Water Level

Use full water level.

### Water Temperature

Use hot water, 140°F or higher.

### Wash Cycle

Use normal 12 minute wash cycle.

### Laundry Detergent

Use a heavy-duty detergent.

Use amount recommended on package or more for heavy soil/hard water.

### Rinse

Use two full rinses.

### Line Dry

to avoid contaminating dryer.

### Clean Washer

Run complete, but empty, cycle. Use hot water and detergent.

### Other Tips

Water waterproof gloves when handling highly contaminated clothing. Replace gloves periodically.

Wear a disposable overall over work clothes.

Remove contaminated clothing before entering enclosed tractor cabs.

Removing contaminated clothing outdoors or in an entry. If a granular pesticide was used, shake clothing outdoors. Empty pockets and cuffs.

Save clothing worn while handling pesticides for that use only.

Keep separate from other clothing before and during laundering.

Wash contaminated clothing after each use. When applying pesticides daily, wash clothing daily.

Re-wash contaminated garments two or three times before reuse, for more complete pesticide removal.

Bury shoes and garments that were saturated with highly toxic/concentrated pesticides.

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