

## Recommending Pesticides

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In the past and in the future I have been and will be recommending a variety of insecticides and other pesticides for the control of insects and other types of pest problems. It is the policy of the University of Illinois to practice and encourage the best possible means of pest control for the superintendent which will provide the least potential hazard to himself, his children, pets, wildlife, and other components of the natural environment..

Pesticides in the year 1971 will be a necessary tool for the protection of the Nation's food, fiber, people and their homes.

When pesticides are required for pest control, great concern for human health and well being and for the protection of fish, and wildlife, soil, air and water from pesticide contamination is of prime importance.

In keeping with this concern, persistent pesticides will not be recommended for the control of insects, etc., when an effective nonresidual method of control is available. When a persistent pesticide is necessary it will be recommended as it has been in the past. They have always been recommended for use in most minimal quantity and to do the best job in a precise area. The superintendent must read the label and follow the directions.

Non-chemical methods of pest control, whether it is biological or cultural, will be recommended whenever such methods are available and, of course, effective for the control or elimination of the target pest. The superintendent must keep in mind that non-chemical methods are not always the best.

All users of pesticides, whether in the home, garden, field, forest or aquatic areas or for the public health and sanitary purposes, must read and heed label directions and make sure that when applying pesticides or storing or disposing of them, that great care is taken to protect people, animals and our total environment.

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