PUTTING PESTICIDES ON ICE

As winter approaches, the question of how to store leftover pesticides becomes an important one in many parts of the country. Ordinarily, public attention tends to focus more closely on improper application of pesticides, but recent news reports have graphically demonstrated the consequences of improper pesticide storage.

By their very nature, pesticides require careful handling and use. If they are misused, they can cause serious damage to people, animals and plants. Most of the time, pesticide hazards can be reduced by advance planning, common sense and, most importantly, reading the lables on pesticide containers.

By following these general guidelines, the dangers involved in storing pesticides can be greatly reduced: 1) Always store pesticides in the original container with intact, legible lables. 2) Never use any kind of food or beverage container for mixing or storing pesticides. 3) Store in an area located away from human food or seed storage. 4) The storage area should provide cool, dry conditions with good ventilation. Direct sunlight should not strike pesticide containers. A heat source may be needed in regions with below-freezing temperatures. 5) The storage facility should be equipped with a secure lock. Only authorized people should have access to potentially dangerous chemicals. 6) The storage area should be equipped with a fire extinguisher as well as first aid materials. First aid equipment, especially an eye wash station, is particularly important if the area is used for mixing chemicals. 7) Maintain an inventory of pesticides, including the compound name, type, amount and date received and the amount and date used. It is also helpful to mark containters with the date they were received. 8) Keep containers tightly closed and check frequently for leakage. Faulty containers should be replaced before they create a hazard. 9) A concrete, washable floor is desirable, but wash water should not be allowed to flow

into any open body of water. 10) Check pesticide container labels for any special storage requirements.

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Responsibilities and Rewards of the Executive Committee

Serving on the Executive Committee means attending a monthly board meeting which usually lasts two to four hours depending on the amount of business to be considered. Ideas and suggestions from association members are discussed and the board makes decisions on what they feel is best for the association.

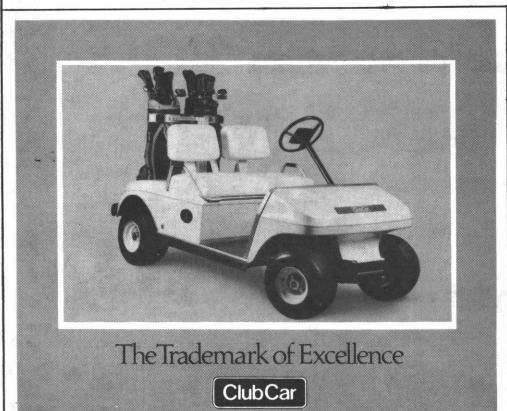
Being a board member usually means chairing a committee. The president selects committee chairmen from among board members and in turn they select their own committees and follow through on decisions made at board meetings. This can take a lot of a superintendent's time, especially when it involves the Annual

Conference.

The rewards are not monetary but rather in the friendships one makes and in the respect you gain for your fellow superintendents. Board members are hard working and dedicated beyond what many people realize.

Also working with Warren Rebholz, Tom Magne and Anita Hight of the M.G.A. office is truly a pleasure for these people are very helpful and knowledgeable and play a large part in the success of the association.

I believe each eligible member should pursue serving on the board for it can be quite en-



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