

Safety Precautions for the Home Gardener

It is important for gardeners to take precautions when applying any type of substances to control insects or diseases. This applies to both organic and chemical compounds.

1. Make sure the substance you are using is labeled for the problem you are encountering. Be sure to correctly identify the pest, or the disease. If the substance is to be diluted, be sure to follow the instructions carefully. Using an improper ratio can lead to harm to yourself and your plants. Check to see how long before it can be reapplied. **If it is being used on a vegetable be sure it is labeled for vegetables.** Also check how long before application and safe harvesting.
2. Protect your body with long sleeves, gloves, long pants, socks, hair covering, and a mask.
3. Be sure to label any left-over substances and store in a safe place, or dispose of them properly according to the label.
4. When you have completed the application, place your clothing in the washing machine and wash immediately. Then take a shower.

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