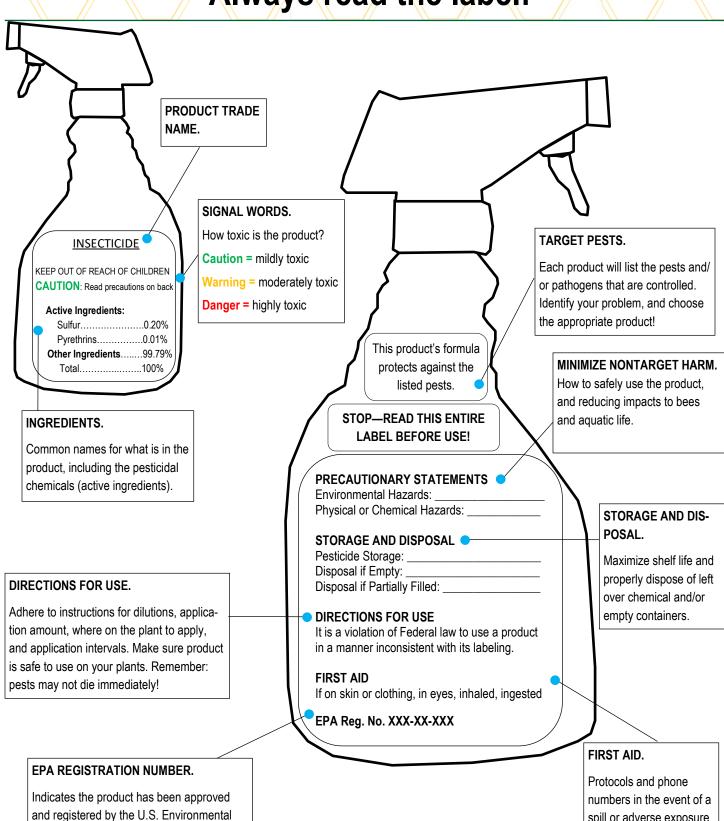
Product Safety: Always read the label!



Protection Agency.

spill or adverse exposure

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Are organic pesticides "safer" for beneficial insects?

Not necessarily. Broad spectrum insecticides do not distinguish between insect groups, whether they are organic or conventional.

Always read the product label for environmental and product safety considerations.

Organic

VS.

Conventional

Pesticides derived from natural sources

Pesticides created in a lab

The Integrated Pest Management Approach (IPM)

Prevention

Maintain habitat for natural enemies (mulching, bird houses), plant companion plants, install physical pest barriers

Monitoring

How do your plants look? Are there signs of stress? Background levels of pests are fine if plants are otherwise healthy.



Chemical Control

If the pests are not responding to other methods, or populations increased too rapidly for other control measures, choose appropriate pesticides. READ THE LABEL to ensure the product is effective against your pest, and safe for your plants.

Identification

If plants are stressed, identify the cause.

Observe for pest insect feeding (day and night) or plant pathogens.



Evaluation

Assess whether the initial treatment worked. Are the pests gone or reduced?

Do the plants look healthier?

Least Toxic Intervention

If control is warranted, begin with behavioral and/or minimally toxic methods. Can pests be removed by hand? Can habitat be enhanced for natural enemies? Are safer organic products appropriate?