



PESTICIDE INFORMATION

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COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE INFORMATION SERIES

-New Hampshire Pesticide Storage Rules-

This pesticide storage information is intended for individuals that are private or commercial pesticide applicators in the state of New Hampshire. The following are excerpts from the New Hampshire pesticide rules. Please identify the following requirements that are applicable to your pesticide storage responsibility and review your activity to determine your compliance with the requirements. Please note, that as a pesticide applicator it is your responsibility to maintain compliance with all applicable regulations, the following is just a component of the rules. A complete set of rules can be accessed by the internet at http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/pes.html or contact the New Hampshire Division of Pesticide Control at (603) 271-3550 or <https://www.agriculture.nh.gov/divisions/pesticide-control/index.htm> further assistance.

Pes 802.03 Storage Requirements. The storage of pesticides and pesticide containers by private and commercial applicators of pesticides shall comply with the following requirements:

- (a) Pesticides shall be stored in accordance with requirements and precautionary storage instructions contained on the product label;
- (b) Pesticide containers shall have legible labeling indicating the contents of the container, pursuant to Pes 502.02 and Pes 504.01;
- (c) Pesticides and pesticide containers that have not been triple rinsed shall be stored in a separate room and in such a manner as to prevent contamination to food, feed, seed, livestock remedies, drugs, plants, and other products or materials from the volatilization of pesticides, the leakage or breakage of pesticide containers, or other causes;
- (d) Pesticide storage rooms shall be protected and secured in such a manner that they are not readily accessible to children and the general public;
- (e) The floor surface of the pesticide storage room shall be smooth, facilitating the complete recovery of spills. Floor surfaces may include, but are not limited to, sealed concrete and plastic. Earthen floors shall be prohibited for pesticide storage rooms;
- (f) The pesticide storage room shall be identified by legible signage clearly indicating that pesticides are in storage, as follows:
 - (1) Sign(s) shall include the word "Warning," "Danger," or "Pesticides" followed by wording that indicates pesticides are in storage; and
 - (2) Lettering of the words "Warning," "Danger," or "Pesticides" shall be a minimum of one and 1/2 inches in height.
- (g) Pesticide storage rooms shall be vented to the outdoors;
- (h) Pesticides shall be stored in a dry place and in accordance with temperature requirements on the label. If fire suppression systems are used or required by local government, such systems shall be in compliance with state fire code RSA 153:5.
- (i) Notwithstanding (h) above, in the situation where the storage room is unheated, storage of those pesticides where the label has precautions against freezing, during the months of the year when temperature is at freezing or below, shall not be prohibited provided that:
 - (1) The pesticides are in secondary containers so as to facilitate complete recovery if spillage or leakage occurs;
 - (2) The secondary container is identified as containing pesticides;
 - (3) The pesticides are stored in facilities that meet the requirements of Pes 802.03 before and after the period of

freezing temperature;

(4) The pesticides are stored in such a manner that they are not readily accessible to children and the general public;

(5) The pesticides are stored in such a manner as to prevent contamination to food, feed, seed, livestock remedies, drugs, plants, and other products or materials from the volatilization of pesticides, the leakage or breakage of pesticide containers, or other causes; and

(6) The pesticides are stored in compliance with Pes 802.03 (a), (b), (j), (o), (q), (r)(2), (t) and (u);

(j) Pesticides shall be stored in tightly sealed containment free from leakage, corrosion, breaks, or tears. Containment used for pesticide storage and handling shall be of materials and construction compatible with the pesticide stored and the conditions of storage and maintained in a manner as to minimize the possibility of a spill. Defective containers, if not fully repaired, shall be destroyed or disposed of in accordance with Pes 801.04.

(k) Pesticides shall be stored:

(1) At a minimum distance of 400 feet from public wells; and,

(2) Unless storage complies with (1)(1) and (2), at least 75 feet from:

a. Private water wells;

b. The high water mark of surface waters; and

(3) Wherever possible, down gradient from water wells and surface water.

(m) In conjunction with pesticide storage, ambulance and fire department phone numbers or the 911 number shall be displayed at a central location where all persons have access.

(n) The local fire department shall be notified that pesticides are in storage and be informed of the general location of the storage room;

(o) Pesticide storage rooms shall maintain sufficient lighting to allow the observation of containers and their labeling;

(p) All empty pesticide containers that have not been triple rinsed pursuant to Pes 801.04 shall be stored in the pesticide storage room prior to disposal;

(q) Storage of pesticides in bulk shall be in compliance with bulk storage rules under Pes 804;

(r) Cabinets, storage bins, lockers, or similar type storage facilities shall be considered a storage room provided that:

(1) The storage facility complies with Pes 802.03(a)-(f), (h), (i), (j)-(q), (s), (t) and (u); and

(2) If the single or aggregate area exceeds 15 cubic feet or 25,920 cubic inches, the facility shall be vented according to Pes 802.03(g);

(s) Floor drains not used in conjunction with catch basins shall be prohibited in pesticide storage rooms;

(t) Pesticide storage room floors may be equipped with a catch basin, provided that:

(1) There are no pipes attached;

(2) It is constructed for complete recovery of a spill; and

(3) It is located within the floor where liquids can be transferred to an above ground container in the event of a spill or discharge onto the floor;

(u) Areas used for storage of pesticides shall be maintained in a clean condition;

(v) At a minimum, spills and leaks shall be cleaned up by the end of the day during which the pesticides have been spilled or leaked;