

# Tips for Laundering Pesticide-Contaminated Clothing

## Air

Hang garments outdoors to air.

## Prerinse

Use one of three methods:

1. Hose off garments outdoors.
2. Rinse in separate tub or pail.
3. Rinse in automatic washer at full water level.

## Pretreat (heavily soiled garments)

Use heavy-duty liquid detergent.

## Washer Load

Wash garments **separate** from family wash.  
Wash garments contaminated with the same pesticide together.

## Load Size

Wash only a few garments at once.

## Water Level

Use **full** water level.

## Water Temperature

Use **hot** water, 140°F or higher.

## Wash Cycle

Use **regular** 12-minute wash cycle.

## Laundry Detergent

Use a **heavy-duty** detergent.  
Use amount recommended on package or more for heavy soil or hard water.

## Rinse

Use a **full warm** rinse.

## Dry

**Line drying** is preferable, to avoid contaminating dryer.

## Clean Washer

Run complete, but empty, cycle.  
Use **hot water and detergent**.

## Rewash

**Rewash** contaminated garments **two or three times** before reuse for more complete pesticide removal.

## Other Tips

Remove contaminated clothing **before** entering enclosed tractor cabs.

Remove contaminated clothing **outdoors** or in an entry. If a granular pesticide was used, shake clothing outdoors. **Empty pockets and cuffs.**

Save clothing worn while handling pesticides for that use only. Keep separate from other clothing **before, during, and after** laundering.

Wash contaminated clothing after **each** use. When applying pesticides daily, wash clothing **daily**.

**Never** use the “sudsaver” feature on your machine when laundering pesticide-soiled clothes.

**Clean** gloves, aprons, boots, rigid hats, respirators, and eyewear by scrubbing with detergent and warm water. Rinse thoroughly and hang in a clean area to dry.

Take these **precautions** when handling contaminated clothing:

- Ventilate area.
- Avoid inhaling steam from washer or dryer.
- Wash hands thoroughly.
- Consider wearing chemical-resistant gloves.
- Keep out of reach of children and pets.

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# PESTICIDE EMERGENCY NUMBERS

## ***Emergency responder information on pesticide spills and accidents...***

CHEMTREC.....800-424-9300

## ***For pesticide information...***

National Pesticide Information Center .....800-858-7378

## ***Poison Control Centers***

Poison Control Centers nationwide .....800-222-1222

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