

# Tips for Laundering Pesticide-Contaminated Clothing

## Prelaundering Information

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**.

**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.

## 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.

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

## Load Size

Wash only a few garments at once.

## Water Level

Use full water level.

## Water Temperature

Use **hot** water, as hot as possible.

## Wash Cycle

Use **regular** wash cycle, at least 12-minutes.

## Laundry Detergent

Use a **heavy-duty** detergent.

Use amount recommended on package or more for heavy soil or hard water.

Remember to use high-efficiency (HE) detergents in HE and front-loading washers.

## Rinse

Use a **full** warm rinse.

## Rewash

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

## Dry

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

## Clean Washer

Run complete, but empty, cycle.

Use **hot water and detergent**.

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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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