

Safe Use and Disposal of Garden Care Chemicals

This poster is aimed at helping allotment holders and gardeners understand how to use and dispose of garden care chemicals safely to ensure no chemical enters local watercourses or the wider the aquatic environment

How to use Garden Care Chemicals safely

Help protect your local environment and wildlife and prevent water pollution

Consider using non-chemical methods to control pests, weeds and diseases

Always read the label. Store product in its original container in a secure place

Always apply the correct dose as explained on the label. Only use on the area or plants where you identify a problem

For small areas, consider Ready-to-Use products which are already diluted for use

For slug control, consider alternatives to slug pellets containing metaldehyde, only use if rain is not forecast, pay attention to the distance between each pellet (never apply in heaps), and only apply around those plants that need protection

Check before you buy; you may already have what you need. Only buy the amount you need for the job

Be aware of drains and watercourses close to your allotment - never apply pellets or products close to or in drains, ditches, streams or ponds

How to dispose of Garden Care Chemicals safely

Never dispose of unwanted pellets, product or rinsings in household drains, ditches or ponds

Use up any surplus pellets or product by applying on areas they are designed to be used on

Rinse empty concentrate containers three times and use up the rinsings by adding to your final spray application

Dispose of empty concentrate containers in the normal household waste

Empty Ready-to-Use spray containers can be disposed of with household recycling

Dispose of unused, unwanted product in its container at a registered Household Waste Recycling Centre (HWRC)

Further Information

Common Sense Gardening Group
www.garden-care.org.uk

National Allotment Society
www.nsalg.org.uk

Chemicals Regulation Directorate
www.pesticides.gov.uk/garden_home.asp

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