

Clarifying the Use of Chemicals in the PNW Management Handbooks

The word “pesticide” includes fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, miticides, and more.

OSU policy for Master Gardener recommendations to clients:

- MGs provide research-based management.
- MGs don't suggest home remedies.
- MGs offer all options: Cultural, biological, and chemical (synthetic and organic).
- The client decides which options s/he will follow.
- Refer commercial clients to an appropriate extension agent

PNW Plant Disease Management Handbook

Guidelines for pesticide use are in the Introduction, page
Using Pesticides Safely (pages 569-580)

Note: Chemical products are listed alphabetically

- Refer commercial clients to an appropriate extension agent
- Codes for products listed in Chemical Control Section:
 - **H** is for home garden and landscape
 - **C** is for certified organic agricultural production (i.e.: commercial organic)
 - If marked with both **H** and **C**, it's okay for home use
 - If without a code, **it's not for home use**
 - If with **C** but without **H**, **it's okay for home use if**
 - (1) The active ingredient is in a home-use product
 - (2) And the product label names the plant
(see “Ways in which the label may name the plant” below)
 - **When in doubt about a product, suggest only those with **H****
 - **Caution:** If dosage is oz/gal or lb/Acre, the material is for commercial-use
- To determine if the active ingredient is suited to home-use, use these lists:
 1. Pesticides for Disease Control (commercial) (page 520)
 2. Fungicides for Disease Control in the Home Landscape (page 553)
- More about **C** in Materials Allowed for Organic Disease Management (p. 544)
- Ways in which the label may name the plant
 - If for a fruiting cherry tree, the label might say “for cherry” or “for tree fruits” or “for edibles”
 - If the label says “flowering cherry” or “flowering trees” or “ornamental trees,” don't use it for edible cherries

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- In the sections for chemical recommendations, suggest only those for Home Use
When dosage is lb ai/A, (pounds of active ingredient per acre), it's for commercial-use
- **Note:** Chemicals are named by active ingredient
Active ingredients are listed alphabetically
- Using Pesticides Safely (page 611)