

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

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This handbook explains the codes for pesticide suggestions in *Section 1, Introduction*

Note:

- Chemicals are identified by product name
- Products are listed alphabetically
- Refer clients to the product label for dosage
- Refer commercial clients to an appropriate extension agent
- Use codes for products listed in Chemical Control sections:
 - **H** is for home garden and landscape
 - **C** is for commercial certified organic agricultural production
 - If marked with both **H** and **C**, it's okay 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)
 - Commercial products list dilution rate as oz/gal or lb/Acre
- See more about **C** in *Materials Allowed for Organic Disease Management*
To determine if the active ingredient is suited to home-use, refer to these lists (See Table of Contents for page numbers):
 1. *Pesticides for Disease Control* (commercial)
 2. *Fungicides for Disease Control in the Home Landscape*
- Ways in which a pesticide 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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- Chemical recommendations for Home Use in individual entries are in a section labeled “Management – chemical control: HOME USE”
- Note:
 - Chemicals are named by active ingredient and are listed alphabetically
 - Refer clients to the label for dilution rates