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## BEST PRACTICE DOCUMENT: PESTICIDE USE IN GARDEN CENTRES

Pesticides destined for retail sale must be displayed in a manner that protects health and safety of employees and shoppers.

1. Retailers must only sell products registered by the Department of Agriculture under Act 36 of 1947.
2. Only sell approved products in the original container. Do not re-package products or dispense in smaller containers.
3. Do not sell pesticide products to children.
4. Do not recommend products specifically approved for commercial agriculture to amateur gardeners.
5. Pesticides should be merchandised away from food sales areas, food vending machines, pet food areas and heating and ventilation ducts.
6. Weed killers should be merchandised away from plants and seeds.
7. Store products within comfortable reach.
8. Place concentrated pesticides at a higher level.
9. Place liquid formulations below dry formulations.
10. Large or heavy packs should be packed on lower shelves.
11. Store liquids upright.
12. Display products in groups (e.g. weed killers together).
13. Remove leaking or damaged containers.
14. Rotate stock to avoid expiring of products.
15. Punctured, rusted, or leaking pesticide containers and pesticide products with unreadable labels must be immediately removed from the sales area.
16. To clear up a spillage:
  - a. isolate the area, refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS), for specific advice;
  - b. dispose carefully of spilt product through appropriate waste disposal channels;
  - c. persons who handle chemical products should wear the necessary protective equipment, ie. gloves, protective clothing and safety goggles; and
  - d. wash your hands, exposed skin and any contaminated equipment.
17. Ensure that workers are especially careful when loading, unloading, and moving pesticide products.
18. Place all containers off the floor, preferably on existing shelves, but if pallets are used for temporary display, they should be protected from traffic by kick plates or other barrier devices around the display to prevent damage from carts and other traffic.
19. If pesticide packages must be kept outside for display, provide a roof over the storage area to minimize weather and sunlight damage.
20. Keep containers out of direct sunlight – do not put pesticide containers, especially glass or aerosol containers, in windows, even temporarily.