Follow the Label to the Letter

The Ohio Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture's mission is to advance responsible tree care practices through research, technology, and education while promoting tree benefits. It reminds pesticide users to always read and follow the label when utilizing any pesticide.

The Pesticide Label Is the Law "Take the time to know how it should be used." It is easy to not read the label, however, what you don't read may or could hurt you or your plants and trees. Most products provide detailed instructions that include:



DIRECTIONS FOR USE



It is a violation of Federal law to use this product in any manner inconsistent with its labeling. This product can only be used in accordance with the Directions for Use on this label or in separately published Supplemental Labeling.

As professional arborists, we have seen many whole trees and landscapes killed by off-label applications, bees, and beneficial insects harmed unnecessarily.

Just because a product has a recognizable trade name such as "Roundup" does not necessarily mean it is the product you are familiar with. Many products use similar trade names, and they can be entirely different chemical compounds with varying modes of action and effects on plants and the ecosystem. Labels can be complicated.



LOOK FOR INFORMATION ON THE LABEL REGARDING: • PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT WHICH MAY BE REQUIRED (PPE), • APPROPRIATE WEATHER CONDITIONS FOR APPLICATION • THE PLANTS ON WHICH IT IS APPROPRIATE TO USE OR NOT USE THE PRODUCT ON • WHAT IS CONTROLLED • WHAT IS NOT CONTROLLED • WHEN TO USE THE PRODUCT • MIX RATE • APPLICATION TECHNIQUES, ETC.

