

What is an insecticide?

Insecticides are a type of pesticide that targets insects. They're used to kill, repel, or prevent the appearance of certain insects. Insecticides are often poisonous and should be used with caution.

Did you know?

- ✓ More than one billion pounds of pesticides are used annually in the U.S.
- ✓ Homeowners use more pesticides, on a pound per acre basis, than farmers do.
- ✓ In 1939 there were 32 pesticide products registered in the U.S.; in 1993 there were 22,000.
- ✓ Over 20% of pesticides currently registered in the U.S. are linked to cancer, birth defects, developmental harm or nerve damage.

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