

# Follow the Golden Rules of pesticide application



- **Put the right plant in the right place.**  
Healthy, stress-free plants suffer less from pests.

- **Identify the plant first.**  
Be aware of their normal, healthy appearance.

- **Identify the pest second.**  
Not all suspicious characters cause problems.

- **Ask yourself, "Do I really need a pesticide?"**  
This could save time, money and the environment.

- **Read and abide by the pesticide label.**  
THE LABEL IS THE LAW.



- **Avoid having leftover chemicals.**  
When choosing chemical controls, buy and mix only what you need.

- **More is not better.**  
Use the lowest labeled concentration rate that will get the job done.

- **Protect beneficial creatures.**  
Spot treat the pest and avoid broadcast applications of pesticides.

- **Buy separate sprayers.**  
Don't mix herbicides with insecticides and fungicides.



- **Follow the label instructions for disposal.**  
Do not put unused pesticides in household garbage containers.



For more information, contact your county Cooperative Extension office.