

INSTRUCTIONS FOR HANDLING & LAUNDERING CHEMICAL CONTAMINATED CLOTHING

Preparation:

1. Read the pesticide label for hazard information.
2. When applicable, remove pesticide granules from cuffs and pockets outdoors in the field.
3. Discard any garment contaminated with full-strength chemical according to product instructions.
4. Handle soiled clothing with chemical resistant gloves (such as unlined neoprene, polyethylene or rubber).
5. Use disposable plastic garbage bags for temporary storage of pesticide-soiled clothes before washing.
6. Pre-rinse pesticide-soiled clothing:
 - on pre-soak cycle of automatic washer OR
 - pre-soak in a suitable container (dump water on field) OR
 - spray/hose the garment outdoors (away from people, pets, and water sources).
7. Pre-treat heavily soiled areas. If an oil-based formulation has been used, treat with a laundry stain removal product intended for oily stains.

Laundering:

1. Wash pesticide contaminated clothing separate from family clothing.
2. Do not overcrowd clothes; use **1.5 times** more **detergent** than the product recommends; use heavy duty detergent.
2. Use **hot** water (60C/140F); **full** water level; **normal** wash cycle.
4. Re-wash clothing 2-3 times if heavily contaminated.
5. **Line dry** the clothing to avoid contaminating the dryer. Sunlight helps to break down pesticide residue.
6. Run the empty washer through a full wash and rinse cycle with detergent added.

Cleaning Protective Equipment

While wearing your gloves:

- Wash your hard hat or waterproof hat, goggles, face shield, aprons and boots with hot soapy water then rinse and dry.
- Wash your respirator face piece only. Before cleaning remove the cartridges. Wash the respirator in warm soapy water, rinse and air-dry. Check seals and valves for signs of damage or wear. Store the respirator and cartridges in a sealed plastic bag.
- Last wash your gloves with hot soapy water, rinse and dry.



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