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Pesticide Information Telephone Numbers

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Pesticide users, consumers, and others have questions about pesticides (insecticides, herbicides, rodenticides, fungicides, etc.). The following telephone numbers can be used to access knowledgeable sources.

Emergency Numbers

The National Poison Center Hotline (1-800-222-1222) is a toll-free emergency number operating 24 hours a day for questions on treatment of poisonings from any cause, including pesticides. Callers dialing the number are automatically linked to the nearest Poison Control Center. The Maryland Poison Control Center is operated by the University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in Baltimore. Preferably, the caller should be a health professional, but calls from nonprofessionals are accepted. The appropriate Poison Control Center number is also listed inside the front cover of most telephone books.

CHEMTREC (1-800-424-9300) operates a 24-hour emergency hotline for questions dealing with chemical spills, particularly large spills or those that might contaminate water or endanger public health. On-site response teams will be dispatched if necessary to handle the emergency. This number may be called by nonprofessionals.

ASPCA National Animal Poison Control Center operates on a 24-hour basis and charges a flat fee of \$45 per case, including any necessary follow-up. To have the fee charged to your telephone bill, call 1-900-680-0000. To have the fee charged to a

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credit card, call 1-800-548-2423 or 1-888-426-4435. The Center's telephones are answered by licensed veterinarians and board-certified veterinary toxicologists. The

staff has access to data on pesticides, food additives, plant and mold toxins, drugs, and other chemicals.

Non-Emergency Numbers

The National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) (1-800-858-7378) operates a toll-free service Monday through Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. EST. This number may be called by health care providers or by nonprofessionals. This number provides non-emergency information on product chemistry, protective equipment, safety, health and/or environmental effects, clean-up, disposal, regulations, etc. It is funded by EPA and operated by Oregon State University Department of Agricultural Chemistry in Corvallis, Oregon.

The Chemical Referral Center: American Chemistry Council (ACC), formerly known as Chemical Manufacturers of America (CMA), (1-800-262-8200) is a toll-free service operating Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. through 9:00 p.m. EST. This number may be called by pesticide nonprofessionals. CMA provides non-emergency safety and health information on many chemicals, including, but not limited to, pesticides.

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