

TURF TWISTERS

CHECK IT OUT

QUESTION: What shall I do with surplus pesticide spray materials? (Pennsylvania)

ANSWER: First, check with your local county agricultural agent as to possible state regulations for pesticide disposal. If there are none, do not simply dump the material into your drain or sewer line. Instead, the following procedures have been suggested: A predetermined pesticide disposal area should be selected. It should be flat or gently sloping away from any potential water supply. The soil must be deep, at least 8 to 10 feet, and at least 100 feet from any water supply. The site should not be used for any purpose other than pesticide disposal. It should be fenced and labeled with warning signs. The site should be convenient for other types of chemical waste disposal, i.e., burying, burning, and liquid waste disposal. On the other hand, it might be just as wise (or wiser) to sit tight, continue to store the material as is, and await a solution or more factual information from authorities. The full story is not in as yet on this subject.

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QUESTION: Is water from a swimming pool, containing chlorine, harmful to golf course turf—putting greens in particular? (New York)

ANSWER: We have never found chlorine to be a problem on putting green soils even when directly applied from a swimming pool. Chlorine dissipates quite rapidly and, in fact, will not build up in the soil. At swimming pool rates for purification, chlorine will not harm soils or turf other than a possible minor temporary discoloration of blades. However, other elements or salts (chlorides, sodium, etc.) may present a serious turfgrass problem if they are present in the water and it is used for irrigation. A chemical soil analysis check will provide this information if you are having a soil problem and suspect swimming pool water.

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QUESTION: I need a good reference book on herbicides that gives common and chemical names. The chemical names alone are confusing to me. (Tennessee)

ANSWER: One of the best handbooks we know that fits this description is *Herbicide Handbook of the Weed Society of America*. You can purchase it from the Weed Science Society of America, Department of Agronomy, University of Illinois, Urbana, Ill. 61801.