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1. What action is EPA taking regarding home and garden use of diazinon?

As part of an agreement between EPA and diazinon registrants to phase out and eliminate all residential uses of the insecticide diazinon, as of December 31, 2004, it will be unlawful to sell diazinon outdoor, non-agricultural products in the United States. EPA is issuing a reminder notice to hardware stores and home and garden retailers to inform them of the December 31, 2004, stop sale date for all outdoor diazinon home, lawn, and garden products.

2. What is expected of retailers?

By anticipating the December 31, 2004, retailers can play an important part in responsible stewardship of this pesticide by taking appropriate steps to manage inventories of diazinon home lawn and garden products this year, and understanding product recovery and disposal options for any products not sold by the deadline.

3. Can retailers return the product to the manufacturer?

Retailers may participate in a product buy-back program after the diazinon home lawn and garden products are cancelled on December 31, 2004. The diazinon manufacturers will repurchase from retailers or formulators any unopened, unused supplies of these products. Retailers should make all possible efforts to sell their diazinon products back to the manufacturers by March 31, 2005. For more information about the buy-back program, retailers can contact their distributor.

4. Can consumers continue to use the product after December 31, 2004?


It is legal for consumers to use diazinon products, provided that they follow all label directions and precautions. Use of these products according to label directions does not pose an immediate hazard. However, consumers should know that EPA took this action to protect children and the environment. Consumers who choose to use these products or any pesticide should always take special care to read and follow the label precautions and directions. If assistance is needed to determine whether a product contains diazinon, consumers should call the National Pesticide Information Center at 1-800-858-7378.

5. What advice does EPA have to consumers regarding disposal of any unwanted or unused diazinon product?

Consumers who chose to dispose of remaining diazinon products rather than use them up should contact their state or local hazardous waste disposal program or local solid waste collection service for information on proper disposal in their community. Consumers who have opened containers should be informed that the pesticide is potentially harmful to the environment, and should not be disposed of in sinks, toilets, storm drains, or any body of water.

The local government may recommend that consumers take diazinon products to a household hazardous waste collection site.

Disposal Contacts

- To identify a local solid waste agency, consumers may look in the government section of the phone book under categories such as solid waste, public works, or garbage, trash, or refuse collection.
- To identify your state pesticide disposal program coordinator, see http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/disposal_contacts.htm
- To identify your state solid or hazardous waste agency, see <http://www.epa.gov/epawaste/wyl/stateprograms.htm>
- For information on pesticide storage and disposal, see <http://www.epa.gov/pesticides/regulating/storage.htm>
- Contact Earth 911 at 1-800-Cleanup or <http://www.earth911.org/>  to obtain community disposal information.