

Pesticides: Safe and Effective Use

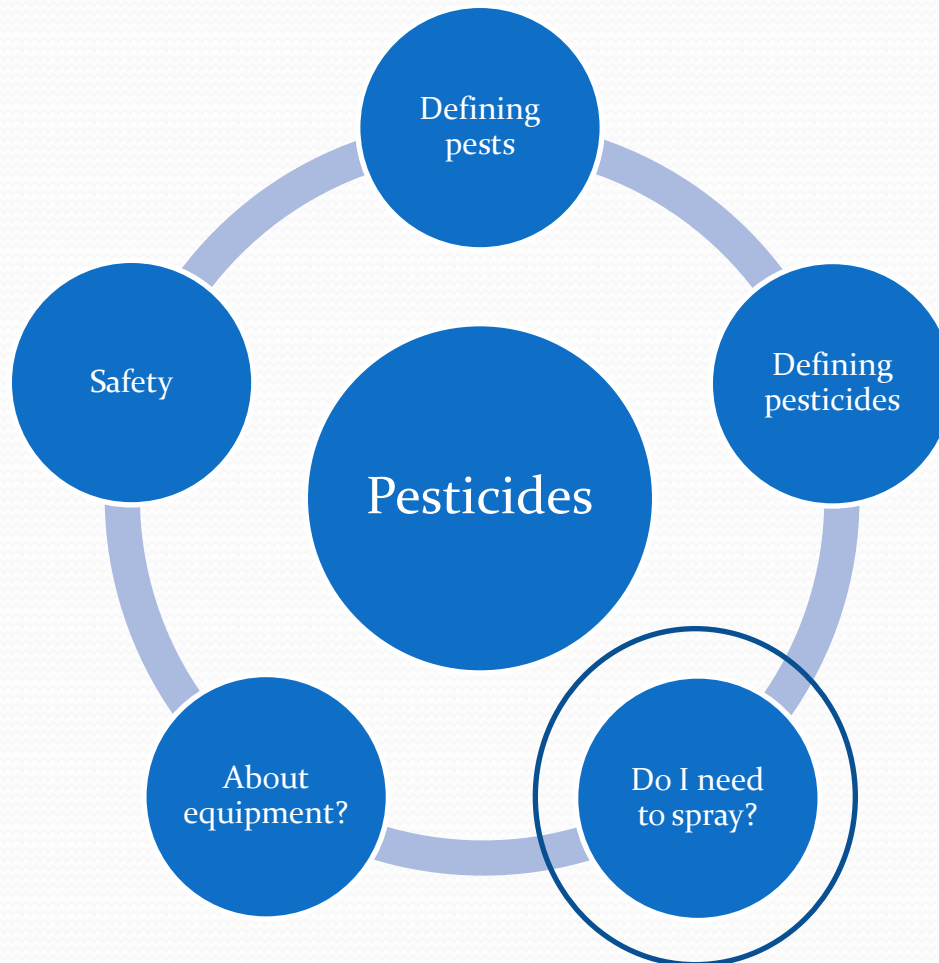
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Course objectives

- Know key points in the application and safe use of pesticides
- Note: At the end, participants will take a review quiz to show they can recall all the key points.
- Support materials – fact sheets and check lists, review quiz,

Course structure



Do I need to spray?

- Before using a pesticide here's 5 questions you should ask.....



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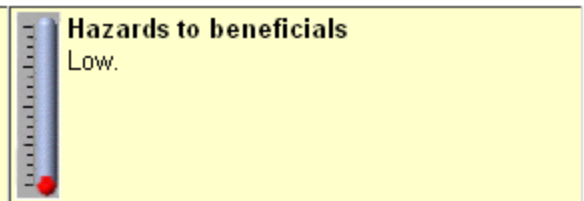
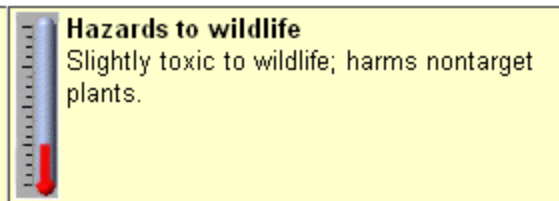
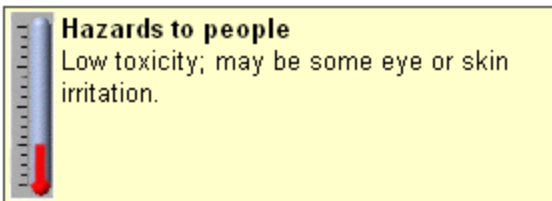


Compressed
air
sprayer

A common type of home garden application equipment, the compressed air sprayer.
Illustration by D. Kidd.

Do I need to spray?




1. What is causing the problem?
Is the pest really the cause of the problem?
2. What are the control options?
Are there other options to a pesticide?
3. Are there enough pests to justify a pesticide spray?



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4. What products are both available and effective?
 - Is there a product to control the pest and suitable for use in the target crop?
 - Is it the right time to control and use the product?
 - Will spraying be economic?
5. Is the product safe for the crop, the environment and beneficial insects? Will there be residues on the produce or land?

 Hazards to people Low toxicity; may be some eye or skin irritation.	 Hazards to wildlife Slightly toxic to wildlife; harms nontarget plants.	 Hazards to beneficials Low.
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**ONLY APPLY PESTICIDES
AT RIGHT TIME**



Photo: Pesticide Management Education Program
– Cornell Cooperative Extension

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Project targets for pesticides

- Low toxicity (LD₅₀ should be over 1000)
- Comply with “Pesticide Evaluation Report and Safer Use Action Plan” (PERSUAP)
- Consistent with UC Davis IPM guidelines.
- Control serious pests of grapes, pomegranates, stone fruit, (especially apricots), almonds, melons and major vegetables.
- Can be used with a wheel barrow sprayers.