

Emergency Equipment Requirements for all Major and Minor Storage Facilities

Pesticide storage facilities must be securely locked at all times, except when authorized personnel are present.



Each entrance to the pesticide storage facility must be posted with signs which state:

"Danger—Pesticide Storage—Keep Out." All entrances must also be posted with signs

indicating that smoking is prohibited.

Pesticides must not be stored within 10 feet of products intended for human or animal consumption and never above them.

All pesticide containers must be stored in a manner that prevents damage and allows inspection of rust, bulges, or leaks. All containers held in storage must be in good condition with labeling intact.

All pesticide storage facilities must be equipped with the following emergency equipment:

- An eyewash station capable of flushing for a minimum of 15 minutes;
- Fire extinguishers;
- Spill response and cleanup equipment including absorbents, empty containers, brooms and shovels;
- Proper personal protective clothing and equipment and training must be provided to all employees and/or emergency personnel; and
- Spill response equipment may be shared between buildings on a single property provided they are readily accessible to all buildings.

Special Requirements for Pesticide Self-Service Sales Areas

A self-service display area is any area within or immediately outside a retail or wholesale business where the public has direct access to pesticide products. To protect these consumers, ensure that pesticides sold are in good condition and prevent any accidents which may occur, the BPC requires dealers to take these steps in areas where the public has access to pesticides:

- All pesticides on display must be located in a separate, distinct area that is identified by a Board approved sign. That sign is available on-line at www.maine.gov/agriculture/pesticides/pdf/selfserv_sign.pdf



- All pesticide containers in the self-service sales area must be in good condition with full labeling attached.
- All outdoor pesticide displays must be fenced securely and must have a roof to protect from rain/other weather.
- Each pesticide dealership with a self-service sales area must be equipped with spill clean-up materials sufficient to absorb 2 times the volume of the largest containers on display.

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PESTICIDE STORAGE STANDARDS Requirements for Pesticide Dealers in Maine

Providing excellent customer service is important in any retail establishment. One way to provide excellent customer service is to ensure your customers' safety. Storing pesticides improperly can endanger you, your employees, and your customers. We here at the Board of Pesticides Control have adopted the following pesticide storage standards for retail establishments that sell pesticides.



From the smallest supply closet...



...to the biggest warehouse,

Storing pesticides safely should be everyone's priority.

Definitions for Major and Minor Pesticide Storage Facilities

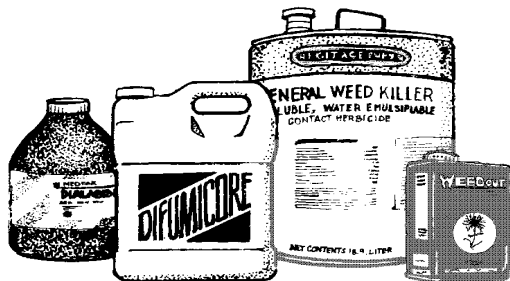
A pesticide storage facility is any fixed-site, totally enclosed building or portion of a building where pesticides are stored in locations other than self-service sales areas for more than 60 days during the calendar year. There are two types of pesticide storage facilities whose design and construction are regulated by the Board of Pesticides Control.

A major pesticide storage facility is one which contains at any one time:

- 6,000 pounds or more of certain dry pesticide products -or-
- 600 gallons or more of certain liquid pesticide products -or-
- Pesticides in containers that are 30-gallons or greater in size

A minor pesticide storage facility is one which contains at any one time:

- More than 100 pounds but less than 6,000 pounds of certain dry pesticide products -or-
- More than 50 gallons but less than 600 gallons of certain liquid pesticide products -or-
- Pesticides in containers that are greater than 3-gallon but less than 30-gallons in size



Structural Requirements for Major Pesticide Storage Facilities

All new major pesticide storage facilities must have at least two means of egress, one of which must be equipped with panic hardware.

Any partitioned area within a new or existing pesticide storage facility must be equipped with a

600 gal.	MAJOR STORAGE FACILITY	6000 lbs.
50 gal.	MINOR STORAGE FACILITY	100 lbs.
	DOES NOT APPLY	

standard door opening outward on which panic hardware is installed.

Major pesticide storage facilities may not be located less than 1000 feet from any school, hospital, nursing home, correctional facility, densely populated area, critical pesticide control

area, or water body which serves a public drinking supply.

Major storage facilities may not be located within 250 feet from any residential building, office building, retail store, state water body, class I or II wetland, private well, or area used for livestock.

All ceilings and walls within the major storage facility must have a fire resistance of at least two hours, while the doors must have a fire resistance of at least one hour.

Structural Requirements for Minor Pesticide Storage Facilities

Minor storage facilities must be structurally separated from and sealed to prevent air movement to other occupied spaces and livestock quarters.

All floors in a minor pesticide storage facility must be made impervious to liquid and dry pesticide spills.

Minor pesticide facilities must have lighting installed so that labels may be easily read.

Minor storage facilities must have one of the following types of ventilation:

Gravity ventilation with a capacity of 1 cubic foot per minute per square foot of floor space -or-



Mechanical ventilation that is capable of exhausting at a rate of not less than 150 cubic feet per minute.

Any partitioned area within a minor pesticide storage facility must be equipped with a standard door opening outward on which panic hardware is installed

Minor pesticide storage facilities shall have lockable doors and windows to prohibit unauthorized access.