



Pesticide Service Container Clarification

Service containers are defined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) as containers that are filled with an EPA-registered pesticide by an applicator and usually transported to a use site where the pesticide will be applied by the applicator.

Restrictions

Service containers are not intended for long term storage of a pesticide and a pesticide cannot be sold or distributed in a service container. Service containers may not be left in the field or with a customer.

Note: Department of Transportation (DOT) and Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requirements may apply to service containers.

Labeling

While there are no State or Federal requirements for labeling of service containers, labeling is strongly recommended to protect the health and safety of both the user and the general public. To protect against accidental pesticide poisonings, you should **never** use any beverage or food containers as a service container. Particularly, water or soda bottles should **never** be used as service containers as they may be mistakenly consumed.

Examples

Examples of service containers include;

- Block rodenticides sold in 16-pound containers that are broken down into smaller containers for pest control applicators to use at various job sites.
- Filling a compatible 2.5 gallon jug from a mini-bulk container for the company's applicator to apply in the field that day.

Service containers are NOT;

- Application Device/Equipment (such as a sprayer)
- Nurse vehicles/Tender Trucks

Pesticide Label Restrictions

Labeling of service containers may be required on the pesticide label. Always read and follow all label directions.

For more information

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