



## Storage Checkup

Ask yourself these questions when you're storing pesticides in your home:

- Could a child or pet get into the pesticide? Are the pesticides stored out of reach?
- What if there is a fire? Can fire fighters access the area effectively?
- What if a pesticide package breaks? What will it contaminate? How easy will it be to clean up? How can you minimize the chance of breakage?
- Could there be a buildup of pesticide vapours? Or is the storage area well ventilated?
- Have I recently checked pesticides containers for leaks, corrosion, breaks, tears or other damage?
- Is the dedicated storage area away from the living area of the home, such as a shed or garage?

### Broken Bags and Containers

- **Never store leftover pesticides in food or beverage containers.** Unsuspecting people (especially children) can, and do, drink pesticides by mistake, resulting in severe illness or death.
- **Eliminate all defective containers.** When a paper or plastic bag container is torn, enclose it in a clear plastic bag. Do not cover up the label. Turn leaking metal or plastic containers leak-side up, where safe to do so, and then clean-up spilled pesticide and transfer leaking container contents to a new container.
- If you must transfer pesticide to a new **(NON-food or beverage)** container, attach a new label. Contact your chemical supplier about replacement containers or labels. At the very least, a temporary label must include:
  - The pesticide trade name, and the (common) name and concentration of the pesticide active ingredient
  - The pesticide Pest Control Products Act registration number.

**You must also consider any special storage requirements listed on the label.**