Safety Tips: Toxic Household Substances

Insecticides/Pesticides/Toxic Household Substances

Spring and summer gardening may mean an increased usage of insecticides, pesticides and weed killers. The Fire Department reminds people with young children to store and lock up all toxic substances out of their reach. A tragic accidental poisoning could be the result of storing household and garden products underneath the kitchen sink or in an open shed. Pesticides and insecticides will soon be available in child-protection packaging to prevent accidental poisonings.

A number of general household products are already sold in safety packages, such as drain cleaner, turpentine, lighter fluid, oil of wintergreen, windshield washer solution, and furniture polish. Fire Officials urge consumers to buy products with child-resistant packaging when available.