Chapter 17: Storing Pesticides

The storage facility should:

- Protect your products and investment
- Easy to move and track pesticides
- Protect your workers
- Prevent contamination
- Contain pesticides; spill or fire
- Prevent theft
- Comply with all codes
- Comply with all fed and state laws
- Reduce your liability
The Storage Area

Should contain:

- Pesticides in their original labeled containers
- Pesticide rinsate in labeled tanks
- Pesticide wastes for disposal
- Application and transfer equipment
- Spill and fire response equipment (not PPE!)
Storage of Pesticides — Regulatory Requirements

- During storage of pesticides, applicators must not leave pesticides or containers in any area which is readily accessible to unauthorized persons, wildlife, or livestock.
- Legible labels must be maintained on stored pesticides at all times.
- **Read the Label!** Storage requirements for each product will be listed on the label and must be followed.
Pesticide Storage Areas
General Guidance

Storage areas should be:

- LOCKED
- Posted with weatherproof signs that say “Danger – Pesticides – Unauthorized Persons Keep Out!”
- Fenced, with locked gate (if a separate building)
- Well ventilated and dry
- Well lit
- Temperature controlled
Storage of Pesticides
General Guidance

- Store herbicides apart from other pesticides, fertilizers and seeds — cross contamination.
- Flammable pesticides should be stored separately from non-flammables — preferably in a fire-proof cabinet.
- Store liquid formulations below dry formulations.
- Never store with food, feed, seed or veterinary supplies.
- Keep spill kit and decontamination kits in area.
- Keep list of pesticides in 2 locations.