



ABOUT PUMP-UP SPRAYERS

A hand held pump-up sprayer is a great tool for homeowners who use control products. Here are tips for best sprayer results:

- ***Try to mix up only enough control products to use in one day.*** Certain products may lose their effectiveness when left in the sprayer for several days after mixing.
- ***Triple rinse the container after use.*** Some products can degrade pump seals if left in the sprayer. Pressurize and rinse the line and nozzle as well as the container.
- ***Consider separate sprayers for weed, insect and disease products,*** and mark them for their use or product. For example, you may want to dedicate a sprayer for weed control only and a different sprayer for disease control.
- ***Weed control is the most common sprayer use.*** For the most part, droplet size should be coarse vs. fine and spot spray weeds to the point of runoff (not misting or drenching) When using a sprayer for the first time, fill it with water only and take a few minutes to spray on the driveway to get a sense of the droplet size and pressure.
- ***Spray when winds are calm,*** usually early morning before 9am or evening.
- ***Do not “over pump”*** as this could blow out the seals and ruin the sprayer.
- Always practice good product stewardship ***read and following label directions****.

****Applying higher or lower than recommended rates oftentimes leads to reduced weed, insect or disease control or damage to desirable plants.***



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