

Storage Requirements

WSDA rules requires storage of unattended pesticides and their containers, unless the containers have been triple-rinsed. Refer to WAC 16-228-1220(6) and (7) of the General Pesticide Rules. The storage requirements vary depending on the signal word of the pesticide being stored. Please note: WSDA also has rules relating to the storage of bulk pesticides in WAC 16-229. Bulk pesticides are defined as registered pesticides that are transported or held in individual containers in undivided quantities of greater than 55 gallons liquid measure or 100 pounds net dry weight. Storage of greater than 500 gallons liquid or 2,000 pounds of undivided dry "bulk" pesticide triggers the Secondary and Operational Area Containment for Bulk Pesticides rules.

PESTICIDES WITH SIGNAL WORDS DANGER, WARNING, OR CAUTION

Pesticides with any of these signal words must be stored in secured storage out of the reach of children in an acceptable enclosure (see below).

PESTICIDES WITH SIGNAL WORDS DANGER/POISON

Pesticides with the signal words of "Danger/Poison" (Category I pesticides) must be stored in an acceptable locked and posted enclosure (see below). This enclosure must be adequate to prevent children, unauthorized individuals, livestock, or other animals from gaining entry. There are stricter storage requirements for some rodent baits and fumigants. The warning signs for storage areas containing pesticides with the signal words "Danger/Poison" shall show the skull and crossbones symbol and the words "Danger/Poison (or Pesticide or Chemical) Storage Area/Keep Out" in letters large enough to read from 30 feet away. Refer to the diagram on the next page for a discussion of where to place warning signs when posting storage areas containing "Danger/Poison" labeled pesticides or their unrinsed containers. See page 14 for more detail.

ACCEPTABLE ENCLOSURES FOR ALL SIGNAL WORDS

- Closed vehicle.
- Closed trailer.
- Building, room, or fenced area with a fence at least six feet high.
- Foot locker or other container that can be locked.
- Unattended truck or trailer that has solid side racks and a secured tailgate at least 6 feet above ground, ramp, or platform level.
- Bulk storage containers 50 gallons and larger with tight screw-type bungs and/or secured or locked valves.

Other Acceptable Enclosures for Danger, Warning, or Caution Labeled Pesticides

Metal containers, 28 gallons and larger, with tight screw-type bungs and/or secured and locked valves.

PESTICIDE STORAGE (CONTINUED)

PLACEMENT OF WARNING SIGNS

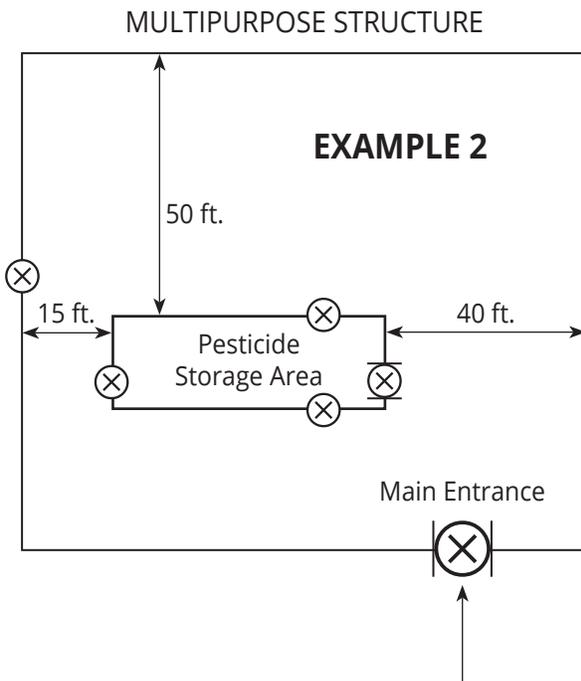
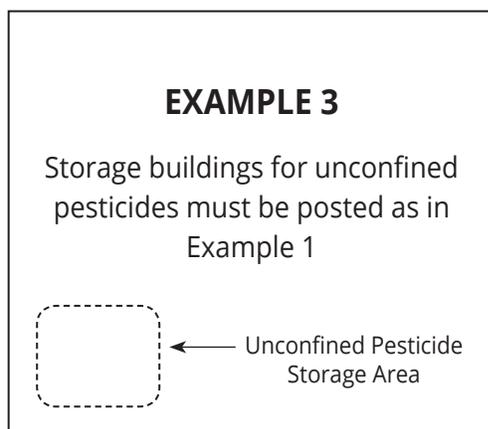
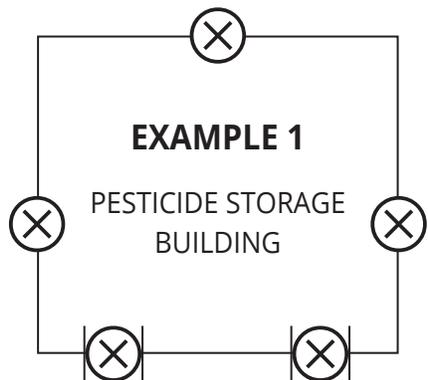
Posting of Category 1 (Danger/Poison) Pesticides

The type of storage facility determines placement of warning signs:

- **Example 1** – The storage unit itself must have a sign on each exterior wall and at each exit and entrance.
- **Example 2** – If the storage unit is contained within a larger, multipurpose structure, it again must have the signs as illustrated. There must also be a sign at the main entrance of the building (see note below) and on each exterior wall of the multipurpose structure that is within 30 feet of the pesticide storage unit.
- **Example 3** – A multipurpose structure which houses an unconfined pesticide storage area must be posted as in Example 1.

Note: Posting of the main entrance is not required if a sign is visible from the entrance which clearly identifies the possibility that pesticides may be stored on the premises (e.g. ABC Pest Control).

⊗ = Location of Warning Sign



Example: ABC Pest Control

Warning Sign not required if another sign is visible which identifies possibility of pesticide storage