

Ways to Use Plant Food Around Your Home



You may use plant food on your grass and plants. This helps them grow. This plant food is called **fertilizer**.

If plant food gets into your well water, it can make your family sick. You cannot drink the well water until it is cleaned. You can stop plant food from going into your well.

Here are safe ways to use plant food in your yard and home.

1.

Read the label on the plant food container. The label tells you 3 things:

- (1) plants you can put the plant food on
- (2) how much plant food to put on the plants
- (3) when to put the plant food on the plants

Do what the label says. Ask your family about any words you do not know.



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2.

Keep plant food in the container you bought it in. Keep it dry and closed tight. Keep plant food in a safe place where children cannot get it. Do not keep the plant food near your well.

3.

Do not bury or burn plant food containers. Throw the containers in the trash.



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