

Pesticide Protective Gear

Guidance suggestions and best management practices for dealing with the current PPE shortage



Masks/Respirators

- Consider a non-pesticide approach
- Consider a pesticide with less PPE requirements
- Do not use Do-It-Yourself mask substitutes
- Properly clean and store this PPE

Eye/Face protection

- Consider a pesticide with less PPE requirements
- Plain glasses and swim goggles are not a substitute
- Do not use Do-It-Yourself substitutes

Gloves

- Utilize re-useable vs. disposable gloves
- Clean PPE before removal*
- Store away from pesticides

Suits

- Consider a pesticide with less PPE requirements
- Tyvek provides more protection than coveralls: Tyvek can be re-useable if you clean exterior of suit* before removing, store it properly. Discard if cut or torn.

As PPE selections have become limited due to the COVID-19 outbreak, options still remain.

Labels require PPE for the specific protective level it offers.

Do-It-Yourself options are untested and cannot be guaranteed to be effective.

Consider utilizing optional IPM methods and choosing pesticides requiring less PPE.

Remember, **always read and follow the label** to keep you, your employees, and the customer safe.

*Questions on cleaning PPE? <http://npic.orst.edu/health/minwork.html>