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# Happenings in Fields of Bradford

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### Choose right, use right: Tips for safe and effective use of pesticides and fertilizers

It's that time of the year again when millions of do-it-yourself homeowners face the challenges of keeping problem insects and weeds away from home gardens and yards -- while staying within the family budget.

The pesticides and fertilizers available at local hardware and home improvement stores are designed specifically to help with these tasks, but choosing the right products and using them correctly is something every homeowner must consider.

"Nothing is more rewarding than picking healthy, home-grown vegetables, or enjoying a healthy lawn or a pest-free outdoor space with family, friends and pets," says Allen James, president of RISE (Responsible Industry for a Sound Environment), a national organization representing the manufacturers, formulators and distributors of pesticide and fertilizer products. "The range of products available to homeowners is vast, but you have to use the ones that are right for your specific situation and use them responsibly."

Here are some basic guidelines to help homeowners choose the right products and use them correctly:

- \* **Identify the problem** -- Different pesticides and fertilizers are formulated to work in various ways, so positively identifying the problem is vital. If this is unclear or unknown, ask a qualified expert or local extension agent.
  - \* **Determine the best method of control** -- Research the best, most effective, most economic solution to the specific problem at hand. Sometimes pesticides or fertilizer products are the answer, other times a different solution might be appropriate.
  - \* **Read and follow all label directions** -- If pesticides or fertilizers are needed, remember the label is the law. Read the label carefully for mixing and application instructions, as well as other precautionary information such as wearing proper clothing or product drying time after application.
  - \* **Use only what is needed** -- Measure, mix and use the right amount of product needed for the task at hand. Don't over-apply, but don't under-apply either. Read the directions and follow them to the letter.
  - \* **Store products in a clean, dry area** -- Always store any unused pesticide or fertilizer products away from weather or direct sunlight. Make sure all products are stored out of reach of kids and pets.
- "The right pesticide or fertilizer can make all the difference, but each situation is unique," James says. "We have the right to choose the products we use, but we also have the duty to use them responsibly."

Pesticides and fertilizers are designed to improve quality of life. If used properly, they are a helpful tool. They control, kill or moderate unwanted and dangerous pest populations ranging from stinging insects to vegetable-destroying fungus to noxious weeds, and they help to minimize the risks posed to homeowners, families, pets and property. When used according to label directions and applied as directed, they have the potential to make a substantial positive impact on the productivity and usability of gardens and green spaces around the home. Improper use and careless handling can cause unnecessary, avoidable complications. Make sure all products are selected and used with care.

Source: [estatesofsomerfield.com](http://estatesofsomerfield.com)

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### Which detergents cut the mustard?

You call this clean? In our tough tests, five of seven phosphate-free dishwasher detergents left lots of baked-on food. Pictured are results with the tested Wave 2X detergent.

This article is the archived version of a report that appeared in August 2009 Consumer Reports magazine. Proposed federal legislation to ban dishwasher detergents containing all but trace amounts of phosphates is designed to help the environment. But many of the eco-friendly products in the latest batch we tested are not great at cleaning dishes. Detergents without phosphates—which help clean but also boost algae growth in freshwater, threatening fish and other plants—tended to perform worst overall.

The tests were tough: We loaded dishwashers with dishware and pots smeared with a baked-on blend of 17 foods, including rice, macaroni and cheese, chocolate pudding, and peanut butter. Cascade Complete All in 1 packets (with phosphates) were excellent at cleaning, kept washed-off food from being redeposited on dishes, and left no water spots. Five other detergents were very good, including phosphate-free Method Smarty Dish tablets, proving that detergents don't have to contain phosphates to work well. Method's success might be due to the amount and type of its enzymes, which help break up food for easier removal.

#### Tips for dazzling dishes

Any detergent is apt to clean better if you scrape off heavy soil before loading dishes. (You'll save energy and water if you don't prerinse.) Then take these steps:

Load large items at the sides and back so they don't block water and detergent.

Face the dirtier side of dishes toward the center of the machine.

Don't let dishes or utensils nest.

Rest glasses upside down on prongs so that they don't fill with water.

Hand-wash silver and fine glassware. Judging by tests that mimicked long-time machine-washing, some products could be harsh on silver (Cascade with Extra Bleach Action powder, Great Value, Sun & Earth, and Target) or could etch fine glassware (Cascade with Extra Bleach Action powder, Finish Quantum, Method, Seventh Generation, and Simplicity).

#### Bottom line

The best detergents have phosphates and enzymes, but because manufacturers don't have to list ingredients, you might not know which are which. Our Ratings can help. At 27 cents per load, Cascade Complete All in 1 packets were the standout. Cascade with Extra Bleach Action liquid was also very effective and cost less than half as much. Top performers from past tests include three other Cascades: Complete All in 1 gel, ActionPacs with Dawn, and ActionPacs with Extra Bleach Action. If you'd prefer a detergent without phosphates, choose Method or Simplicity.

Source: [Consumerreports.org](http://Consumerreports.org)

## Somerfield / Fields of Bradford Subdivisions 10th Annual Halloween Parade 2009

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**Date:** Saturday, October 24th, 2009

**Time:** 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Place:** Meet by the Sunset Park Sign at the corner of Dalton and Scarlet Dr. We will then walk on the sidewalk down around to the Pavilion, where I'm hoping that the Police & Fire Departments will be available along with Carnival Games for everyone to play.

**Somerfield /Fields of Bradford Families:** (with or without children are welcomed), Please bring some candy to pass out to the children. Please stand on the OUTSIDE of the sidewalks only, around the park, along the yellow rope & spread out so the children will have more time to walk around and show off their costumes. (We had over a 100 children last year, so please bring lots of Candy, many ran out before all the kids got by). We will be providing Halloween bags for the children to collect their goodies in. You must RSVP to Donna Hahn to ensure your child receives a bag by October 16th, 2009.

**I need volunteers at least 10 Middle/High School Students to help. If your child is willing to help please give me a call 630-759-4839 or email me at [donna@donnahahn.com](mailto:donna@donnahahn.com). Thanks in advance!**

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