The City of Hollister Municipal Code provides specific regulations regarding the disposal of pesticides:

**SECTION - 8.32.060**

A. It is unlawful for any person owning, leasing, occupying or having charge or possession of any property in the city, or any other person, to cause, or to permit, or to maintain thereon the following:

14. Disposal or presence of oil, grease, other petroleum products, noxious chemicals, pesticides, or any gaseous, liquid or solid waste in such a manner as to constitute a health, fire or environmental hazard, or which degrades the appearance of or detracts from the aesthetic and property values of neighboring properties;

**SECTION - 13.04.600**

A. Any person who intentionally or negligently violates any provision of this chapter, or the requirements or conditions set forth in a permit duly issued, or who discharges wastewater which causes pollution, or violates any cease and desist order, prohibition, effluent limitation, national standard of performance, pretreatment or toxicity standard, including nondischarge pretreatment standards, shall be liable to injunctive relief for noncompliance imposed by the city against which the violation occurs.

Said liability or penalty may be in a sum of not to exceed six thousand dollars ($6,000) a day for each violation in which such violation occurs.
**WHAT IS PEST CONTROL?**

Pest control is the process of minimizing or removing a wide range of undesirable insects and other pests from spaces occupied by people.

The actual process can take place in the home, in a place of business, or in a public building. Controlling pests normally involves using some type of insecticide to prevent them from entering the space, and to kill any pests that have already established a presence within the space.

**PEST CONTROL CHEMICAL FACTS**

Pest control chemicals are used to kill household pest such as; aphids, caterpillars, ants, roaches, etc. Follow manufacturer instructions on the handling and disposal of chemicals to reduce harmful effects of pesticides.

- When it rains fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides are washed off of lawns and landscaped areas and enter our waterways. These chemicals may also affect insects, fish, and contaminate ground and surface water in our ecosystem.

- Accumulation of pesticides in simple aquatic organisms, such as algae, provides an avenue for larger animals to be affected through the food web, resulting in elevated levels of toxins in organisms that feed on them, such as fish and birds.

**PESTICIDE ALTERNATIVES**

Only using chemicals to control pests is usually a temporary fix. A more effective approach is an Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Which includes:

A) Physical Controls: Pest Barriers, Traps

B) Biological Controls: Predatory Insects, Bacterial Insecticides

C) Chemical Controls — Last Resort Less Toxic Products Insecticidal Soaps Pyrethrum Based Products

**SAFE SUBSTITUTES FOR PEST CONTROL**

**Garden Aphids and Mites:** Mix one (1) tablespoon of liquid soap and one (1) cup of vegetable oil. Add one (1) teaspoon of the mixture to a cup of water and spray. Note: oil may harm vegetable plants in the cabbage family.

**Caterpillars:** When caterpillars are eating, apply products containing Bacillus Thuringiensis to leaves.

**Ants:** Place boric acid dust or hydramethylnon baits in problem areas, cracks, and insect walkways. Be sure it is inaccessible to children and pets (boric acid is a mild poison).

**HOW TO DISPOSE OF PESTICIDES**

- Dispose of unused and outdated pesticides properly. Household toxins, such as pesticides, can pollute our streams and rivers and contaminate groundwater if disposed of in storm drains or gutters.

- Rinse empty pesticide containers and use rinse water as you would the product. Dispose of empty rinsed containers in the trash.

- To obtain information for proper disposal of unused or out-dated pesticides, or to receive free educational materials please contact:

  The City of Hollister
  Stormwater Management
  (831) 636-4340

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