Clarifying Use of Chemicals in the PNW Management Handbooks

(Note: The word “pesticide” includes insecticides, miticides, fungicides, bactericides, herbicides, nematicides, rodenticides and more.)

PNW Plant Disease Management Handbook

- Guidelines for this book’s codes for pesticide use are in the Introduction
- Guidelines for safe use of pesticides, pages 577-581
- MGs give management recommendations only if a positive diagnosis exists
- MGs suggest all possible management techniques, including chemical; clients choose which one(s) they will use
- Note: Chemicals are listed alphabetically, only
- Refer commercial clients to an appropriate extension agent.
- Codes for products listed in Chemical Control Section
  - **H** is for home garden and landscape.
  - **O** is for organic agriculture production.
  - It’s okay for home use if marked with both **H** and **O**
  - If without a code = it’s not for home use
  - If with **O**, but without **H**, it’s okay for home use only if
    - (1) The active ingredient is in a home-use product.
    - (2) And the product’s label names the plant
      - (see “Ways in which the label may name the plant” below).
- To determine if the active ingredient is suited to home-use, use these lists
  - 1. Pesticides for Disease Control (commercial)
  - 2. Fungicides for Disease Control in the Home Landscape
- More about **O** in Materials Allowed for Organic Disease Management, page 551
- Ways in which the label may name the plant
  - If for a fruiting cherry tree, label might say “for cherry” or “for tree fruits” or “for edibles”
  - If the label says “flowering cherry,” don’t use it for edible cherries
- Bottom line: When in doubt about a product, suggest only those with **H**
- Warning: If the recommended dosage is oz/gal or lbs/A (i.e. pounds per acre), the product is for commercial entities, only

PNW Insect Management Handbook

- MGs suggest all possible management techniques, including chemical; clients choose which one(s) they will use
- In the sections for chemical recommendations, suggest only those for Home Use
- Note: Chemicals are named by active ingredient, not product name
- Note: Chemical active ingredients are listed alphabetically, only
- CHART: Insecticides for Home Landscape Pest Control
- Guidelines for safe use of pesticides, pages 662-667
- Warning: If the recommended dosage is lb ai/a, (i.e. pounds of active ingredient per acre) the product is for commercial entities, only