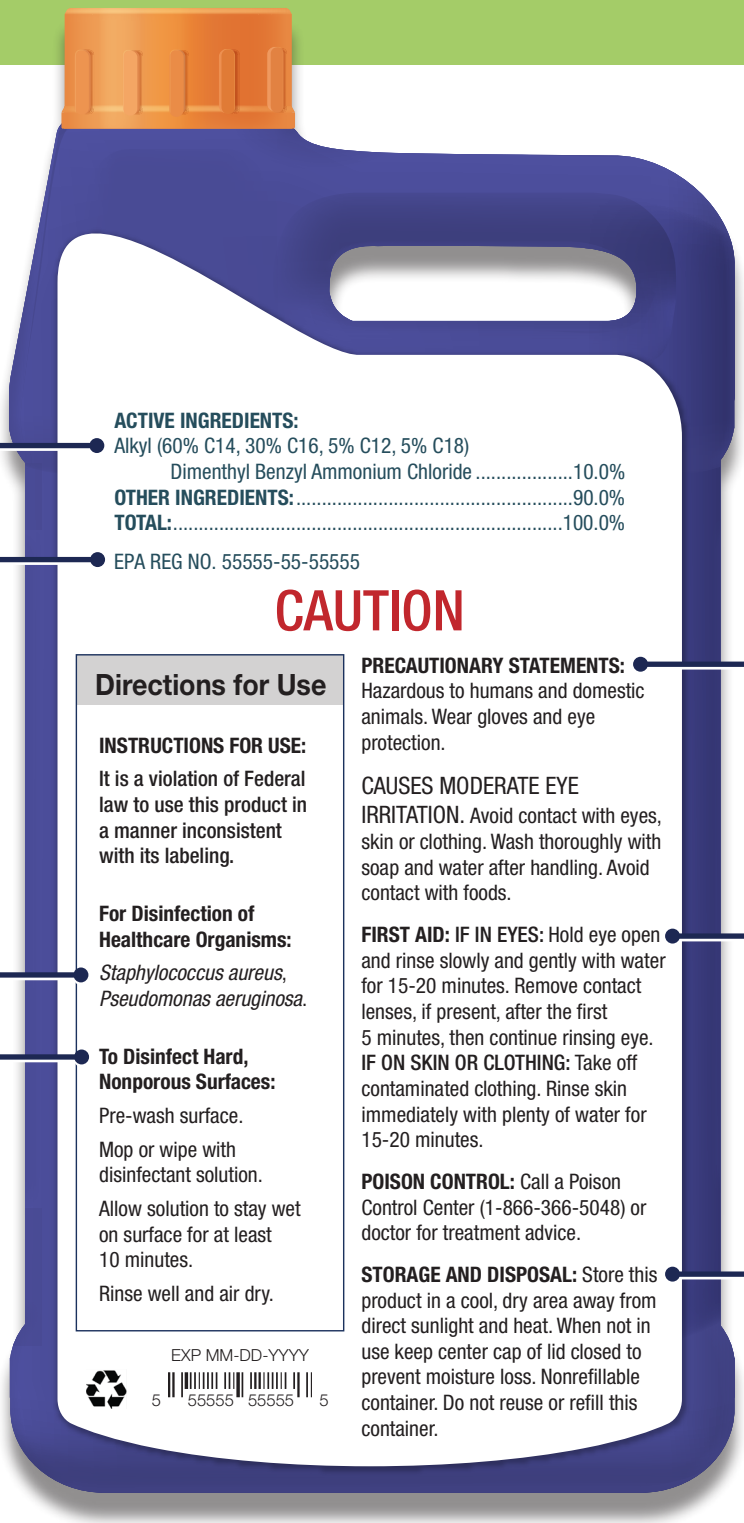
How to Read a Pesticide Product Label

Read the entire label.

The label is the law!

Note: Below is an example of information found on a label.



Active Ingredients

What are the main chemicals?

EPA Registration Number

U.S. laws require that EPA registers all pesticides.

Directions for Use

What germs does the product kill?

Where and how do I properly use the product?

Precautionary Statements

How risky is this product? Do I need personal protective equipment (PPE)?

First Aid

What should I do if I get this product in my eyes, mouth, on my skin, or breathe it in?

Storage & Disposal

How should I store this product? How should I dispose of an expired product? What should I do with the container?

For more information, go to:
www.epa.gov/pesticides

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