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Swimming Pool & Spa Sanitizers

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Sanitizers and disinfectants commonly used in swimming pools, hot tubs, and spas can be dangerous if not used correctly. These products are considered pesticides (Any product with an EPA registration number on it is considered a pesticide.)

To safely and legally use these products, follow these tips:

- Only buy sanitizing chemicals where the label specifically states that they can be applied to pools and spas.
- Follow all directions on the product label EXACTLY.
- Each product provides specific instructions on how to apply the chemical to pools and spas – these instructions must be precisely followed.
- Test the residual chlorine concentrations regularly to ensure proper levels.
- Each product provides specific limits for chlorine residual levels, pH, and other parameters. You must make sure that no one uses the pool or spa when these levels are exceeded.
- Store sanitizing products in their original, labeled container so the label instructions are always available.

**For more information contact the
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