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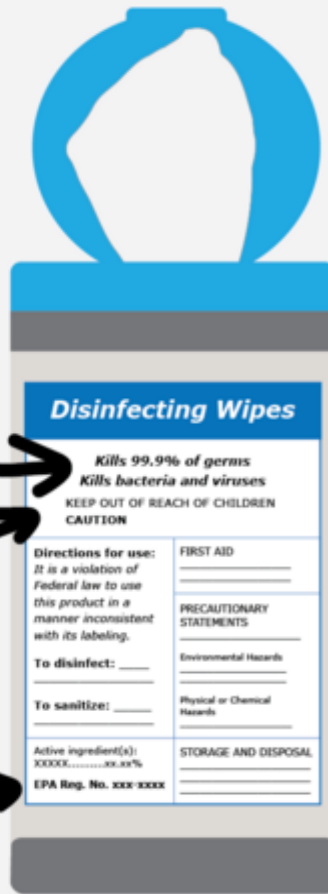
Is it a pesticide?

Yes

Kills target pest

Federal warning:
Keep Out of Reach of Children

Registered with EPA



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#ChooseIPM



What are pesticides?

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Reduce Pesticide Exposure



Use IPM methods first and pesticides as last resort



Follow all pesticide label instructions; Use only directed amount of product



Never mix pesticides or chemicals in same container or on same surface



Never use drink containers to mix or store pesticides



Keep out of reach of children

What is SPM?



Sustainable Pest Management (SPM) deals with pests on farms, cities, and other places by considering the whole system. It's like a big-picture approach. Instead of just focusing on killing pests, it looks at how pest control affects people, the environment, and the economy. It builds on Integrated Pest Management (IPM), which uses various methods to control pests. But SPM also thinks about how pest control impacts human health, fairness in society, keeping the environment safe, and the economy.

What is IPM?



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