Landlords: Do You Use Pesticides?

Often landlords or their employees apply pesticides in rental housing to get rid of bedbugs, cockroaches, or other pests.

Landlords or their employees do not need to be certified and licensed to apply pesticides, if all of the following apply:

- They make applications to property they own
- Do not accept payment for the application
- Use only general use (over-the-counter) pesticides

You do need to remember:

**The label is the law.**

You are responsible for reading the pesticide product label and following all the instructions for use – where to apply the product, how much to apply, how often to apply it, what pests to use it on. If you assign an employee to apply the pesticide, you are responsible for educating them on the label requirements and ensuring that those requirements are followed.
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