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What is a Pesticide?

A pesticide is any substance or mixture of substances (chemicals) intended for preventing, destroying, repelling, altering, or mitigating the life cycle of any pest (controlling pests). A pesticide can be a naturally derived or synthetically produced substance. A pesticide can also be an organism.

Types of Pesticides

Acaricides	Mites, Ticks
Algicides	Algae
Attractants	Animals
Avicides	Birds
Bactericides	Bacteria
Defoliants	Foliage Removal
Desiccants	Water Removal
Disinfectants	Microorganisms
Fumigants	Insects, Rodents, Weeds
Fungicides	Plant Pathogens
Germicides	Germs
Growth Regulators	Insects, Plants
Herbicides	Weeds
Hormones	Insects, Plants
Insecticides	Insects
Miticides	Mites
Molluscicides	Mollusks
Nematicides	Nematodes
Ovicides	Eggs
Pediculicides	Lice
Pheromones	Insects
Pisicides	Fish
Predacides	Predators
Repellents	Animals
Rodenticides	Rats, Mice
Sanitizers	Microorganisms
Sterilants	Microorganisms
Wood Preservatives	Fungi, Insects