

# Pesticide Basics

## Pesticide

*noun*

pes·ti·cide /'pestə'sīd/ 

### Definition of *pesticide*

: any substance used to kill, repel, or control certain forms of plant or animal life that are pests. Pesticides include **herbicides** for destroying weeds and other unwanted vegetation, **insecticides** for controlling a wide variety of insects, **fungicides** used to prevent the growth of molds and mildew, **disinfectants** for preventing the spread of bacteria, and compounds used to control mice and rats.

