

Pesticide Foggers

The Philadelphia Fire Department continues to issue warning regarding the use of pesticide foggers.

- Fires occur from the use of pesticide foggers because of the failure of individuals to comply to the requirements of the Philadelphia Fire Prevention Code when using them.
- Foggers may contain a highly flammable propellant used to expel the insecticide from the container. Any open flames, such as the pilot light from a gas heater or kitchen stove may cause this mixture to ignite or explode.
- The Fire Code requires that the user turn off all ignition sources such as pilot lights, other open flames, and all electricity. In addition, the Code requires people using a pesticide fogger to notify all occupants and the Fire Department 24 hours in advance, post warning signs, vacate the property, have approved breathing apparatus available, and post a watchman.
- Citizens must comply to the requirements when using pesticide foggers. They should follow all directions on the fogger and in addition comply with all requirements of the Philadelphia Fire Code.
- If there is any doubt, call a professional exterminator.