Choosing a Sprayer

Today on Gardening in a Minute: choosing a sprayer.

Sprayers are used to apply pesticides. There are three kinds of equipment: hand sprayers, hose-end sprayers, and wipe-on applicators. All are affordable and easy to use, clean, and store, and sizes can vary greatly.

Hand sprayers and hose-end sprayers can be used for small to moderate-sized jobs around the lawn and garden, while wipe-on applicators are designed to place herbicides around desired plants.

Gardeners should have at least two sprayers, one for herbicides only and another for other pesticides, because it can be hard to remove all chemical residues from a tank. And remember, always read and follow pesticide labels.

When shopping for a sprayer, smaller is probably better. Spot-treating the infested plants or areas will use less pesticide, saving you money and helping protect the environment.

For more about sprayers, contact your county extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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