

# Pesticide Vocabulary



The word pesticide is often used incorrectly to refer to products for controlling insects. Pesticide is a generic term, covering all products used for controlling any kind of pest. Under the broad heading of pesticide, there are many sub-categories, including:

1. Algicide – for controlling algae, such as in swimming pools
2. Bactericide – for controlling bacteria
3. Biocide – for controlling microorganisms
4. Fungicide – for controlling fungi (mushrooms) and molds
5. Herbicide – for controlling pest plants or weeds
6. Insecticide – for controlling various types of insects
7. Miticide – for controlling mites (small insects in the spider family)
8. Molluscicide – for controlling snails and slugs
9. Nematicide – for controlling nematodes (parasitic microscopic worms that live in the soil)
10. Ovicide – for controlling the eggs of insects and mites
11. Rodenticide – for controlling mice, rats, gophers and other rodents