



Stewardship Guidelines and Best Management Practices (BMPs) FOR PESTICIDE TREATED SEED 2025

When Preparing for the Growing Season

- Adopt an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach
- Don't rely solely on seed treatments
- If pest risk is low, consider seeds not treated with pesticides

When Planting Treated Seed

READ DIRECTIONS



Follow requirements for proper **handling, storage, use** and **disposal** of treated seed and understand **hazard** statements related to pollinators and water quality

PREPARE FOR PLANTING



Assess planting equipment, ensure proper **calibration** and **planter maintenance**, and select appropriate **lubricants** to reduce dust

EXERCISE CAUTION WHEN PLANTING



Plant during appropriate **weather conditions**, **prevent spillage**, and **minimize** post-planting **dust**

Always Keep in Mind

POLLINATOR HEALTH

- Familiarize yourself with pollinator-friendly habitat near your farm and prevent planting dust from drifting to those habitats
- Follow MDA BMPs to promote pollinator habitat in agricultural landscapes

WATER QUALITY

- Avoid planting treated seed during wind to minimize dust movement toward water
- Do not bury excess treated seed or clean planting equipment near water

DISPOSAL

- Follow MPCA requirements when disposing of excess treated seed