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Recycle Your Pesticide Containers and Nursery Pots

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture will offer *free* recycling of empty plastic pesticide containers and nursery pots at three regional collection sites on June 10, June 11 and June 14 this year.

Non-refillable, high-density polyethylene # 2 (HDPE #2) containers used by agricultural, professional and commercial pesticide applicators will be accepted at the collection sites, as well as HDPE #2 nursery pots.

Containers must be no larger than 55 gallons and properly rinsed. Nursery pots must also be properly rinsed.

The program is open to anyone who holds a New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection pesticide license and to state, county and municipal government agencies. Participants must follow the processing guide or material will be rejected.

The NJ Department of Environmental Protection will issue one core credit to pesticide license holders for participating in the program. To receive credit, participants must bring their pesticide license to the collection site and must follow the processing steps. Credits will not be issued for recycling nursery pots.

If growers have a large quantity of material, arrangements can be made to bring the grinding equipment directly to the grower. If growers have 5-gallon plastic pales, bulb crates, etc that is HDPE #2, arrangements can be made to recycle the material.

To register for the program, contact Program Manager Karen Kritz of the New Jersey Department of Agriculture at (609) 984-2506 or karen.kritz@ag.state.nj.us. Please provide the estimated size and quantity of the various pesticide containers and nursery pots that will be delivered and to what site.

The summer 2004 agricultural product container-recycling program is a collaborative effort involving the New Jersey Departments of Agriculture and Environmental Protection, Burlington County Solid Waste, Cumberland County Improvement Authority, Pollution Control Financing Authority of Warren County, Ag Container Recycling Council and USAg Recycling, Inc.

Please see the attached collection schedule and processing guide for further information or visit www.state.nj.us/agriculture/recyclingpestcons.htm.

**Pesticide Container and Nursery Pot Collection Program
2004 Summer Collection Schedule**

Southern Region

Collection Date: **Thursday, June 10**
Location: Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex
169 Jesse Bridge Road (located off Route 55 Exit 29)
Deerfield, New Jersey
Time: 9 a.m. to Noon
Contact: Dennis DeMatte, Jr. (856) 825-3700

Central Region

Collection Date: **Friday, June 11**
Location: Burlington County Resource Recovery Complex
Burlington-Columbus Road (Route 543)
Mansfield, New Jersey
Located off I-295 Exit 52A (Columbus Exit)
Time: 9 a.m. to Noon
Contact: Anne Moore (609) 499-1001

Northern Region

Collection Date: **Monday, June 14**
Location: Warren County Fair Grounds
Route 519 & Strykers Road
Harmony Township, New Jersey
Time: 9 a.m. to Noon
Contact: William Carner (908) 453-2174, Pollution Control Financing Authority
of Warren County

New Jersey Pesticide Container and Nursery Pot Collection Program Guide

Plastic Pesticide Container Processing Steps

1. All pesticide containers must be either triple rinsed or pressure rinsed and drained;
2. All pesticide containers must be free of residue (other than stains);
3. Lids must be removed;
4. Plastic labels with MSDS sheet must be removed;
5. Paper labels must be removed (the best of your ability);
6. Only non-refillable pesticide containers will be accepted – drill a ¼-inch hole in the bottom of the container or with a utility knife make a 6-inch slit in the bottom of the container so the container will not hold liquids;
7. Only pesticide containers embossed with HDPE and the recycling #2 will be accepted;



8. Pesticide containers up to 55 gallons in capacity will be accepted; and
9. Pesticide containers must have originally held an EPA registered pesticide.

Agricultural, professional and commercial applicators who generate large quantities of pesticide containers may contact USAg Recycling at 1-800-654-3145 for direct service. USAg will come to your site and there is no charge for the service.

Plastic Nursery Pot Processing Steps

1. All soil must be knocked free from the nursery pots and then the pots must be rinsed;
2. All nursery pots must be free of soil and plant material; and
3. Only nursery pots embossed with recycling #2 or HDPE will be accepted.



Items That Will Not Be Accepted and Will be Returned to the Recipient

1. Pesticide containers with dried formulation on the container, pour spout or the spout threads;
2. Pesticide containers with any liquid residue;
3. Pesticide containers where the insides are caked with dried residue;
4. Mini-bulk, saddle tanks and nurse tanks, which can be made of fiberglass;
5. Pesticide containers with lids or lids by themselves;
6. Pesticide containers that originally held veterinary products, consumer products or home and garden pesticides;
7. Nursery pots not embossed with # 2 or HDPE ;
8. Nursery pots with soil residue; and
9. Nursery pots with plant residue.