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New Jersey Creates Semi-Permanent Pesticide Container Recycling Center

The Cumberland County Improvement Authority in partnership with the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, will offer **free recycling of empty plastic pesticide containers**. The collection program will be held at the Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex in the Township of Deerfield. This is a free program and will save pesticide license holders in excess of $55/ton in landfill tipping fees.

Non-refillable, high-density polyethylene # 2 (HDPE #2) containers used by agricultural, professional and commercial pesticide applicators will be accepted at the collection sites. Containers must be no larger than 55 gallons and 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. NJ Department of Agriculture staff will be on-site to collect the containers and issue the pesticide credits.

If growers have a large quantity of material, arrangements can be made to bring the grinding equipment directly to the grower. If growers have plastic pails, bulb crates, or other plastics that are HDPE #2, contact the NJDA to determine if they are suitable for the recycling program and can be brought to the collection site.

If you have questions or need more details on the plastic pesticide container-recycling program, contact Karen Kritz, Recycling Program Manager, NJ Department of Agriculture, at (609) 984-2506.

Plastic Pesticide Container Collection Program
2005 Collection Schedule (revised)

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

DATES:

Friday, May 20	
Friday, June 3	Friday, June 17
Friday, July 1	Friday, July 15
Friday, August 5	Friday, August 19

Friday, September 2 Friday, September 23
Friday, October 7 Friday, October 21

New Jersey Pesticide Container 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. The lids must be removed;
4. The plastic labels with MSDS sheet must be removed;
5. Try to remove the bulk of the paper labels (you do not have to scrape every bit off);
6. Only non-refillable pesticide containers will be accepted – drill a ¼-inch or larger hole in the bottom (not the side) of the container or with a utility knife make a 6-inch slit in the bottom (not the side) of the container so the container will not hold any 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.

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; and
6. Pesticide containers that originally held veterinary products, consumer products or home and garden pesticides.