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**Waste Pesticide Disposal Program**

In 2013, the waste pesticide disposal will occur in District 3. Collections will be held the week of Sept. 16-20. Our collection sites are still being determined but will be posted shortly. All licensed pesticide applicators within the district will receive information and registration forms by mail in July. Unlicensed applicators can obtain registration forms from the department, department website or from MSU county extension agents.

The legislation authorizing the collection program was sponsored by Montana's agricultural industry and is funded, in part, by license fees that private, commercial, and government pesticide applicators and pesticide dealers pay to become licensed.

Annual pesticide collections began in 1994. More than 424,821 pounds of waste pesticide have been collected from more than 1,269 participants since then. Amounts collected have ranged from one pound to over 7,000 pounds. Common pesticides that have been brought to collection events include insecticides such as DDT, chlordane, and pentachlorophenol and herbicides like 2,4,5-T and dinoseb. Strychnine has been the primary rodenticide collected.

Participants must pre-register their unusable pesticide with the Montana Department of Agriculture before the collection event so the collection can be managed safely and efficiently. Cost for participating in the program is substantially lower than costs incurred through other disposal options. Licensed pesticide applicators and dealers receive a fee credit for that portion of their license fee earmarked for the disposal program.

All licensed pesticide applicators within the collection area will receive information and registration by mail in July. Unlicensed applicators can obtain registration forms from the department or their local MSU county extension agent. Registration for the program is requested by the end of August. For the most part, acceptance into the program is on a first come, first serve basis and early sign-up is encouraged.

**Disposal Cost**

The disposal fee is FREE for the first 200 pounds and \$0.50/lb for amounts in excess of 200 pounds. The disposal fee for pesticides, which are or have dioxins or dioxin precursors may have a higher fee.

**Requirements:** Participants must pre-register their unusable pesticide with the Montana Department of Agriculture so the collection can be managed safely and efficiently. The registration form, located below, must be mailed to:

Montana Department of Agriculture  
Pesticide Disposal Program  
P.O. Box 1054  
Glasgow, MT 59230

**Links**

- [Disposal brochure PDF](#)
- [Pesticide plastic recycling program](#)

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**Forms**

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### Pesticide Plastic Container Recycling Program

The Pesticide Container Recycling Program was created to keep pesticide container plastic out of Montana's landfills. Emptied and cleaned plastic containers are stored at sites throughout Montana. A truck equipped with shredding equipment and poly transport bags visits the storage sites several times each summer to prepare the plastic for recycling.



Cooperators with public collection sites for rinsed containers can be found in the schedule located in the navigation to the left. Please check back as these will be updated periodically.

Only HDPE #2 pesticide container plastic can be accepted for the program. Empty containers must be triple rinsed or power washed, with label booklets, lids and foil liners removed. Thirty- and 55-gallon containers must be cleaned and cut in eight pieces for processing in the portable shredder used by the department. Shredded plastic is recycled into non-consumer items such field drain pipe.

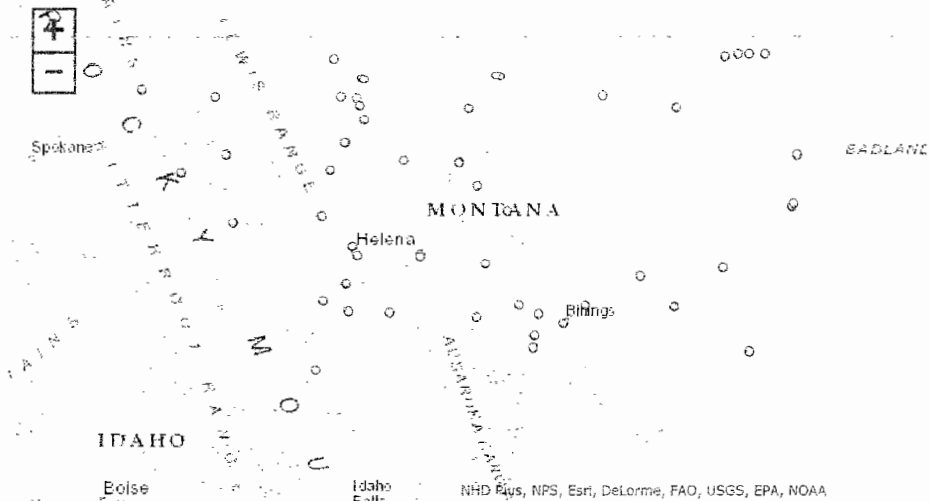
The program, established with help from the federal Environmental Protection Agency, collected approximately 210,000 lbs. of pesticide container since the beginning of the program in Oct. 2009. Shredded plastic from pesticide containers is recycled to create non-consumer items such as drain tile, roadway speed bumps, pallets and landscape edging.

For additional information, contact a participating county weed district or the Montana Department of Agriculture, see Contacts below.

#### Collection Sites

**Please call contact person before disposing of pesticide plastic containers at any site!**

For information about each individual site click on orange dot.



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## Pesticides

### Proper Storage of Pesticides

Under state and federal law, all pesticide containers must be stored as directed by the product label. In addition, the department recommends:

- When feasible, the storage area should be in an area not subject to flooding but downwind and downhill from sensitive areas such as homes, play areas, feedlots, gardens and groundwater sources.
- Lock the storage area to prevent unauthorized access to pesticides and reduce the chance of accidental spills.
- Keep pesticides separate to prevent cross-contamination. Herbicides, insecticides, and fungicides should be stored on separate shelves or in separate areas.
- Keep large drums or bags on pallets and off the floor.
- Shelves for smaller containers should have lips to prevent containers from sliding off.
- Steel shelves are easier to clean than wooden ones if a spill occurs.
- Store dry products above liquids to prevent wetting from spills.
- Provide adequate road access for deliveries and emergency equipment.
- Post signs or labels to identify pesticide storage areas. Labels on the outside of the building assist firefighters if they must respond to a fire or a spill. It is also a good idea to separately keep a list of the products and amounts.



**Rules**

[ARM 4-10-1101 Rules for Storing Pesticides](#)

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**Pesticide Spills**

The department receives approximately 15-20 calls per year reporting pesticide spills. Only a few of those require an inspector to investigate. A person is required to report pesticide spills to the department or a field office within 48 hours if:

- The spill is 5 gallons or more, including formulated product, diluting agent and additives.
- The spill is 100 dry pounds or more, including formulated product, diluting agent and additives.



**Information required when reporting a spill**

- Location of spill - legal description, address or landmarks
- Pesticide(s) name - manufacturer's name, EPA registration number
- Quantity spilled
- Name of primary contact including address and phone number

**Control, Contain and Cleanup - the 3 C's**

1. **Control** the pesticide spill by identifying the source and stopping the flow; wear proper personal protective equipment (PPE); and divert the spill away from water, wells, drains, sewers, etc.
2. **Contain** the spill by building a dike with absorbent materials such as soil, sand, kitty litter, or a chemical absorbent tube sock. Never hose down the spill area until after clean up is complete.
3. **Clean up** the pesticide spill by recapturing any usable material, absorbing residual liquid and, for contaminated soil, removing all damp soil plus 3 additional inches and contain the contaminated soil to prevent further contamination.

**Rules**

ARM 4-10-1101 Storage of pesticides

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