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Abandoned Pesticide Collection Events Scheduled April 4-7

LITTLE ROCK, AR – The Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Agricultural Abandoned Pesticide Program has scheduled four Abandoned Pesticide collection events from April 4-7 for the following seven counties: Arkansas, Howard, Little River, Montgomery, Pike, Polk, and Sevier.

Collection event are from 8:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the follow dates and locations:

- **April 4 – Sevier County/Little River County** - Sevier County Road Shop, 1155 Highway 70/71 East, De Queen, AR 77832
- **April 5th – Howard County/Pike County**- Howard County Fairgrounds, 1567 US 371, Nashville, AR 71852
- **April 6th – Polk County/Montgomery County** – Polk County Fairgrounds, 156 Polk Road 43, Mena, AR 71953
- **April 7th – Arkansas County**- Stuttgart Municipal Airport, 2000 State Highway 980, Stuttgart, AR 72160

Participation in a collection event is free and anonymous to anyone. Commonly collected items include old/outdated pesticides such as calcium arsenate, 2,4,5-T, sodium cyanide, lindane, and chlordane, as well as registered pesticides unusable because they have been exposed to the elements or have been held over from previous growing seasons such as glyphosate products and 2,4-D.

Since the program began in 2005, 5,351,431 pounds of unwanted pesticides have been collected in counties across Arkansas.

The Abandoned Pesticide Program is conducted in cooperation with Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation, Inc., the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission, the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Service, the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, and the State Plant Board. Representatives from these agencies make up the Abandoned Pesticide Advisory Board.

The Abandoned Pesticide Advisory Board selects county sites for collection events and moves locations by region within the state seasonally. Priority watersheds are a large consideration factor for the Advisory Board in choosing counties/regions for site collection.

The Agricultural Abandoned Pesticide Program is administered by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture’s Plant Industries Division. Learn more about the Plant Industries Division at: [agriculture.arkansas.gov/plant-industries/](https://www.agriculture.arkansas.gov/plant-industries/), or call 501-225-1598. The mission of the Plant Industries Division is to serve the citizens of Arkansas and the agricultural and business communities by providing information and unbiased enforcement of laws and regulations set by the Arkansas State Plant Board.

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