



ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ABANDONED PESTICIDE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL PROJECT

What is the Project Goal?

To assist the farmer and landowner in the county with the safe collection and lawful disposal of banned, outdated, or unwanted pesticides.

Who Can Participate?

Agricultural producers, landowners, and commercial applicators can participate. Participation in the waste pesticide collection program is strictly voluntary. Those who plan to bring waste pesticides in for disposal are asked to fill out a pre-registration form (strict confidentiality of participants is maintained).

What Is the Cost?

It is FREE and CONFIDENTIAL. The collection is funded by pesticide registration fees.

Why Should You Pre-register?

Submitting an inventory form is critical in helping the organization of the event. By knowing amounts and kinds of waste pesticides being brought, adequate resources, storage and transportation will be available.

Inventory Survey Forms are available from your County Extension Office, County Farm Bureau office, farm supply stores, co-op, or gin.

What is Accepted?

Both known and unknown outdated, discontinued, or unwanted agricultural pesticides (insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides). Of particular interest are older pesticides known to be toxic such as Arsenicals, DDT, Silvex, Heptachlor, Dieldrin, Lindane, Toxaphene, and 2,4,5-T.

What is NOT Accepted?

Products other than pesticides will not be accepted at the collection sites. Specific materials that will not be accepted include but are not limited to: explosives or ordinance materials, petroleum products, paints, medical wastes, and radioactive materials.

What Containers are Accepted?

Farm chemicals in all forms and sizes of containers, (e.g. drums, wooden casks, bottles, plastic containers) will be accepted. Chemicals in deteriorated or leaking packaging may need to be over packed - please indicate condition of the container on the Inventory Form. In some cases on-farm pickup by the hazardous waste contractor may be necessary.

Where Will the Wastes Go?

The old pesticides are collected and disposed of through the Arkansas Abandoned Agricultural Pesticide Disposal Program. The pesticides are collected by a licensed hazardous waste professional and disposed of at licensed hazardous waste incinerators.

Where Are the Collections?

Collections will be scheduled in each county in the state. Watch for advertising and mailouts in your county as these events are scheduled.

What Can You Do to Help?

When your county is scheduled, fill out the inventory survey, mail form to your local Farm Bureau office, and then mark the collection day on your calendar as a reminder. Discuss the Pesticide Collection Program with neighboring farmers and encourage their participation. Help us spread the message about the program and its value through friends, farm and community organizations, and agribusiness associates.