

What is the Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program?

The Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program is a free service for any agricultural producer or pesticide dealer in Virginia. The program assists with the disposal of rinsed chemical containers through recycling. Virginia is part of a national program designed to reduce the amount of waste generated by disposable plastic pesticide containers. This service is a convenient, cost effective and environmentally friendly way to eliminate pesticide container buildup in landfills and on private property.

Benefits from recycling

- ◆ Environmental stewardship
- ◆ Positive image for agriculture

- ◆ Cost savings in products made from recycled containers
- ◆ Waste reduction in landfills

How do I prepare pesticide containers for recycling?

Containers accepted for recycling must be #2 HDPE plastic, empty, clean, uncapped, label free and dry

- ◆ **Empty:** Containers must be empty to be accepted for recycling.
- ◆ **Clean:** Triple rinse or jet rinse containers immediately upon emptying contents. Only clean containers will be accepted; however, a stained container with no dry pesticide residue will also be accepted.
- ◆ **Inspect:** After rinsing containers, look for pesticide residue both inside the container and outside along the lip and spout.



- ◆ **Discard cap and label:** Throw caps away. Caps are usually made of a different type of plastic and cannot be recycled. Remove foil and labels. Tightly glued plastic sleeves need not be removed.
- ◆ **Dry:** Store containers in a covered shelter or enclosed trailer. Wet containers or containers with liquid still inside cannot be accepted.

How is the recycled plastic used?

The containers are granulated into ¼ inch particle chips. The chips are then sent to reformulators and recycled into uses approved by the Agricultural Container Recycling Council. These include fence posts, plastic pallets, parking lot bumpers and shipping spacers.



Containers will be accepted at the Page County Landfill anytime the landfill is open.

This program is conducted by Virginia Cooperative Extension in cooperation with the Page County Department of Solid Waste and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services

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