

Recycling Works!

...and recycling pesticide containers is easy!



ACRC
Ag Container Recycling Council

Recycling triple rinsed plastic pesticide containers is as simple as a phone call to your ACRC Contractor. In most areas, there is NO collection fee for growers and commercial applicators.

For pick up schedules in your area, contact the ACRC Contractor listed below.
Call the ACRC at 877-952-2272 for states not covered by an ACRC Contractor.

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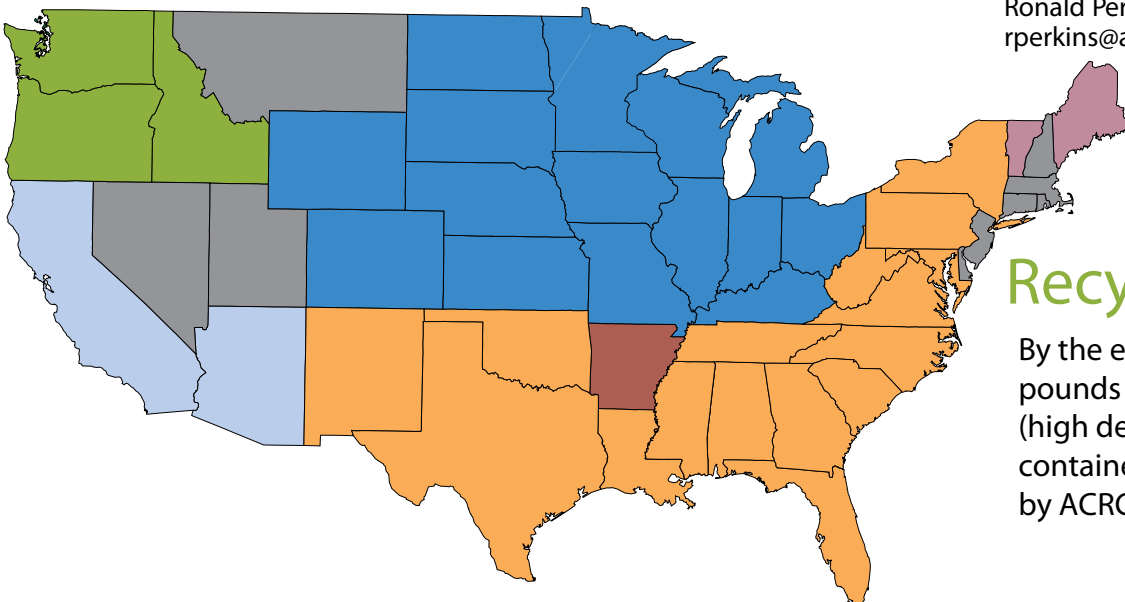
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OTHER PROGRAMS

ME, VT
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For additional information relating to ACRC program activities, call the ACRC: 877-952-2272
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By the end of 2009, 110 million pounds of triple-rinsed HDPE (high density polyethylene) containers had been collected by ACRC Contractors.

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Recycling Prep is Simple.

Preparing HDPE containers for recycling is important. Be sure to follow this checklist before your ACRC Contractor arrives for pickup.
ACRC Inspection Checklist for Container Acceptability

✓ **TYPE:** Include non-refillable containers made from HDPE (high density polyethylene) only; embossed with recycling symbol #2.

✓ **PRIOR USE:** EPA registered crop protection products labeled for agriculture, forestry, vegetative management, and specialty pest control are acceptable. Also acceptable, containers holding crop protection adjuvants, crop oils and surfactants.

✓ **EXCLUSIVE PROFESSIONAL USE:** The ACRC accepts containers for products applied by Growers or Commercial Applicators only. Do not include containers that held veterinary, consumer or home & garden protection products. These are not acceptable for recycling in the ACRC program.

✓ **SIZES:** All sizes up to 56-gallon capacity drums are routinely accepted. *IBC's and mini-bulks are not part of this program.*

✓ **RESIDUES & CLEANING:** Containers must be empty and triple rinsed or pressure rinsed to remove all standing residue. Staining is acceptable. Caked on residue is not there is no residue that can be smeared or will flake off when touched with a glove. Container insides must be dry.

✓ **STORAGE:** To keep container insides dry, store in a building, trailer, or under a plastic tarp.

✓ **PARTS & CAPS:** Non-HDPE (high density polyethylene) parts such as caps, metal handles and rubber linings cannot be recycled, and should be disposed of as normal solid waste. **DO NOT** put a cap back on a rinsed container.

✓ **LABEL & BOOKLET REMOVAL:** Labels and booklets will interfere with the recycling process and should be removed. However, a few local authorities require that labels remain affixed. If you have doubts, check with your local authority. If you have trouble with label removal, check with your ACRC Contractor.

Acceptable



Rinsed, stained and residue-free. Caps and labels removed.

NOT Acceptable



Containers caked with residue, dried formulation on container and thread or liquid residue present.

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ACRC Inspection Checklist

The ACRC program accepts containers when all of the conditions and actions listed below have been met:

- **Containers:** These must be **non-refillable** and made from **high density polyethylene (HDPE)**. Some HDPE containers have a thin barrier of other co-manufactured material that is acceptable. Containers will be embossed with recycling symbol #2, and sometimes #7.
- **Use:** The container originally held an EPA registered pesticide labeled for agriculture, forestry, vegetative management, specialty pest control OR a non-EPA registered crop protection adjuvant, crop oil, or surfactant.
- **Professional Use:** The contents of each container were used by a farmer, commercial applicator or a person under the direct supervision of a farmer or commercial applicator.
- **Sizes:** Containers are accepted from the smallest sizes up to 55 gallons in capacity. For sizes greater than 55 gallons in capacity, contact the collection site or the ACRC contractor.
- **Empty:** Containers must be empty to be recycled in the ACRC program.
- **Non-Acceptable Parts:** Caps and other non-HDPE parts, such as metal handles and rubber linings, cannot be recycled. Clean and discard these parts as normal solid waste. **Never put a cap back on a rinsed container.**
- **Clean:** Properly rinsed containers will be accepted into the recycling program. Pressure-rinse or triple-rinse the container immediately after it is emptied. Add the rinse water to the spray mix.
- **Inspected:** Immediately after rinsing the container, look inside and make sure that all the formulation has been rinsed out. Also, inspect the outside of the container; particularly check that the pour spout, the spout threads and the container wall surrounding the spout are free of formulation residues that flake, smear or come off on a glove when touched. The recycler cannot process containers that have removable formulation in or on them.
- **Stains:** Certain products discolor plastic with a penetrating stain. The stained containers are **acceptable** provided that no material can be smeared or removed when touched by a rubber glove.
- **Labels:** Check with your local authority and follow their guidelines on label removal. Labels, and certainly booklets, do interfere with the recycling process. However, some inspection authorities prefer that labels remain affixed on containers so that any residues can be identified.
- **Dry:** An acceptable container is a dry container. Store cleaned containers in an enclosed building or trailer or in plastic bags. The recycler will not accept a container that has liquid in it.
- Containers that originally held veterinary products, consumer products, or home and garden pesticides are **NOT ACCEPTABLE**.

Compare your containers with the ones shown here.

Always follow the instructions on the label before handling any crop protection products. Wear the proper protective equipment as specified on the product label.

ACCEPTABLE



Container, thread, and lip are clean.



Handle and neck stained but clean.



Inside stained but rinsed clean.



Inside is clean and dry.

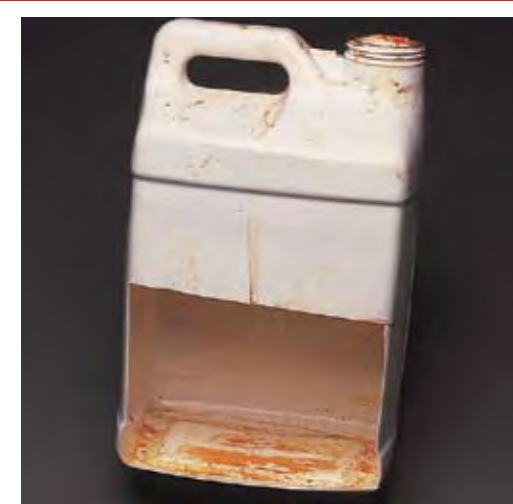
NOT ACCEPTABLE



Dried formulation on container.



Dried formulation on thread.



Bottom is caked with dried residue.



Liquid residue in container.