

Be Aware of the Montana Pesticide Disposal Program and 2016 Disposal Sites

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Environmental and human health risks increase the longer a pesticide is held in storage due to corrosion of pesticide containers. Pesticide applicators should be aware of the resources available for discarding pesticide waste. By following a few simple steps applicators can ensure that unused pesticides are discarded and disposed of legally and safely.

Disposing of Pesticide Waste

Applicators should use the Montana pesticide waste disposal program if they have unknown pesticide products (due to worn product label), unregistered pesticide products or unusable pesticides that are in need of disposal. The Montana pesticide waste disposal program began in 1994 and has collected more than 519,000 pounds of pesticide waste from more than 1,523 participants since its onset. Some delisted pesticide active ingredients commonly collected include DDT and 2,4,5-T. Costs for participating in the program are significantly lower than other pesticide disposal alternatives. The disposal fee is FREE for the first 200 pounds and \$0.50/lb for amounts in excess of 200 pounds for licensed pesticide applicators. Participants must pre-register their unusable pesticide with the Montana Department of Agriculture before the event.



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Pesticide disposal program locations and dates are:

September 20th, 2016 - Malta, MT
September 21st, 2016 – Sidney, MT
September 22nd, 2016 – Miles City, MT
September 23rd, 2016 – Billings, MT

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 is located at http://agr.mt.gov/agr/Business/Pesticides/Environmental/Disposal/Forms/New_Registration_Form.pdf.

Please mail registration form to Montana Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Disposal Program, P.O. Box 1054, Glasgow, MT 59230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: See the MDA pesticide waste disposal program at <http://agr.mt.gov/agr/Programs/Pesticides/DisposalandRecycling/PesticideDisposal/>. Contact Carli Lofing for additional information regarding the MDA Pesticide Disposal or Container Recycling Program at (406)228-9512 or email clofing@mt.gov. For any other questions contact Cecil Tharp, Pesticide Education Specialist (406-994-5067, ctharp@montana.edu).