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Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA) Announces Annual Pesticide Waste Collection Events

HELENA, Mont. - The Montana Department of Agriculture is facilitating pesticide disposal events in its Western District (Kalispell, Hamilton, Helena, Three Forks) during the week of September 18th, 2023.

Annual pesticide waste collection events have collected close to 780,000 pounds of pesticide waste from over 1,800 participants since the program's inception in 1994.

"Montana has very limited options to get rid of pesticide products," said Carli Davis of the MDA's Pesticide Disposal and Container Recycling Programs. "This program is one way of assuring the waste product is properly disposed in a manner that is also environmentally friendly."

The MDA program was designed to assist individuals with disposing of any pesticides that are unusable as originally intended, or cannot be used for any other purpose, in an environmentally responsible way. In effect, the Pesticide and Waste Disposal Program protects Montana's ecosystems and groundwater, as well as families, pets, livestock and drinking water from potentially hazardous materials.

2023 Pesticide Waste Collection Dates and Locations:

- Tuesday, September 19th - Kalispell, MT
- Wednesday, September 20th - Hamilton, MT
- Thursday, September 21st - Helena, MT
- Friday, September 22nd - Three Forks, MT

The pre-registration deadline is September 14th, 2023. Registrations for pesticide waste collection events are accepted on a first come, first-serve basis. There is no charge for the first 200 pounds of material; amounts over 200 pounds are assessed at \$1.00 per pound, and

products are weighed on site. Additional fees may apply to pesticides with dioxins or dioxin precursors.

Please visit the Montana Waste Pesticide Disposal Program page or click [HERE](#) to register. For more information, please visit agr.mt.gov/Pesticide-Waste-Disposal-Program or contact Carli Davis at (406) 465-0531.

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