

## Waste Pesticide Disposal Frequently Asked Questions

**What is the purpose of the program?** This event is offered to help farmers safely and efficiently dispose of cancelled, suspended, leftover, or otherwise unusable agricultural pesticides. No household wastes will be accepted.

**Who is eligible?** The program is intended for Mississippi farmers and is free to Mississippi farmers. Dealers and other commercial users may participate, but will be charged a fee, to be negotiated between the dealer/commercial user and the on-site contractor.

**What is a pesticide?** Insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, and plant growth regulators are pesticides and are eligible for the collection program.

**Will other products be accepted?** For this event, we will only accept agricultural waste pesticides (including leftover insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, plant growth regulators and other pesticide products). **No rinsates or products in bulk containers will be accepted.** We will have a contractor on site to collect agricultural waste pesticides in their original or secondary container.

**What is the farmer's responsibility?** The farmer is responsible for making sure that pesticides are safely transported to the collection site. This means taking steps as described in this packet to reduce the chances of pesticides leaking, spilling, or blowing out in transport.

**Is overpacking needed?** Overpacking is necessary if the farmer thinks the drum or container may leak or spill during hauling. A heavy-duty garbage bag tied securely may be used as an over pack for some dry products and to hold oil absorbent used to soak up liquid spills.

**What about already leaking containers?** Place leaking containers into another leak-proof container or tray (over pack). The secondary container will be collected as well at the drop-off location. Clean up any spilled material with a suitable absorbent and place into a heavy-duty garbage bag. **We stress that anyone who has weak containers should safely repack or contain materials before transporting.**

**Are there other restrictions on transporting waste pesticides?** A load weighing less than 1,000 pounds does not need placards (signs). A load more than 1,000 pounds needs placards. For loads that weigh more than 1,000 pounds, it may be easier to split the load or use more than one vehicle. Also, tarping or covering the load is necessary in rainy weather.

**How long will the participant need to remain at the collection site?** In most cases, it takes only a few minutes to unload the vehicle. Workers with a licensed hazardous waste contractor will unload pesticides. There should be no need for participants to exit their vehicle. However, if participants do need to exit their vehicle for some reason, they should wear a mask.

**What happens to pesticides brought to the collection site?** After unloading, the contractor will collect, categorize, repack and transport them out of state for disposal and recycling, when possible, according to state and federal environmental laws.