

PESTICIDE CONTAINER RECYCLING

Eligibility: Farmers, small businesses, homeowners, and others using pesticides.

What can be recycled: Empty and properly rinsed (triple-rinsed or equivalent) rigid high-density polyethylene (HDPE) plastic pesticide containers, 55 gallons or smaller in capacity, and steel containers up to 55 gallons in size will be collected.

PREPARATION OF CONTAINERS

***Applicator is responsible to properly prepare the containers for recycling**

Rinsing: Eligible pesticide containers must be, at a minimum, triple rinsed or equivalent IMMEDIATELY after emptying them.

Drying: No more than 0.5 ounces of water may remain in the container and the water must be clear.

Caps and labels: Caps and labels must be removed and properly disposed of prior to collection day.

TRIPLE RINSING

How to Triple Rinse:

1. Remove cap from container. Empty the pesticide into the sprayer tank. Let container drip and drain for an extra 30 seconds once it is empty.
2. Fill the container $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{1}{4}$ full of water.
3. Secure the cap on the container.
4. Swirl the container to rinse all inside surfaces.
5. Remove cap and empty the rinsate from the container into the sprayer tank and let it drip and drain for an extra 30 seconds once it is empty.
6. Repeat steps 2 through 5 two more times.
7. Leave container open to let air dry.
8. Inspect container for cleanliness paying close attention to threads and around the label area. More rinsing may be needed.
9. Rinse cap, remove label, and dispose of both appropriately with normal refuse.

PRESSURE RINSING

How to Pressure Rinse:

1. Remove cap from container. After emptying the pesticide into the spray tank, let the container drip and drain for an extra 30 seconds once it is empty.
2. Continue holding the container upside down over the sprayer tank opening so the rinsate will run into the sprayer tank.
3. Insert the pressure rinse nozzle by puncturing the bottom or the side of the pesticide container.
4. Rinse for the full length of time recommended by the manufacturer (generally 30 seconds or more).
5. Leave container open to let it air dry.
6. Rinse cap, remove label, and dispose of both appropriately with normal refuse.