

Be Aware of the Montana Pesticide Disposal Program and 2017 Disposal Sites

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Delaying removal of unused pesticide products often leads to corroded containers that pose unnecessary risks towards the environmental and human health. 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 559,000 pounds of pesticide waste from more than 1,603 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 greater than 200 pounds. Licensed applicators and dealers receive credit for the portion of their license fees earmarked for the program.



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Pesticide disposal program locations and dates are:

September 19th, 2017 – Kalispell, MT
September 20th, 2017 – Missoula, MT
September 21st, 2017 – Helena, MT
September 22nd, 2017 – Dillon, MT

Participants must pre-register their pesticide with the Montana Department of Agriculture before the event so the collection can be managed safely and efficiently. All materials including the pesticide disposal registration form can be downloaded on the Montana Department of Agriculture (MDA) pesticide waste disposal site at <http://agr.mt.gov/Pesticide-Waste-Disposal>. Mail registration form to Montana Department of Agriculture, Pesticide Disposal Program, 54 East Larslan Road, Larslan, MT 59244.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: 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).