

# Safe Pesticide Waste Disposal

## Frequently Asked Questions



### What should I do with unused or expired pesticides?

Unusable, expired or unwanted pesticides are referred to as waste pesticides. Many pesticides are banned or no longer used, including DDT, chlorpyrifos, and diazinon, and they can all be disposed of safely through the Nevada Department of Agriculture (NDA) Environmental Services program.

### What products can be disposed of?

Acceptable products include:

- insecticides
- fungicides
- herbicides
- rodent baits
- other pesticides

Unfortunately, we cannot accept any of the following:

- batteries
- motor oil
- antifreeze
- paint
- degreasers
- pesticide rinsate

Please call **1-800-597-5865** for all other disposal inquiries. Waste pesticides can be also disposed of with Nevada H2O Environmental: **775-351-2237**

### Is there a fee to dispose of pesticides?

Pesticide waste disposal is provided to Nevadans at no cost. Waste pesticide disposal is paid for through manufacturer fees. All pesticide applicators, including farmers, ranchers, licensed pest control operators, businesses and homeowners can safely dispose of pesticides through the NDA for free.



### Why can't I throw out pesticides?

Improper disposal of waste pesticides may result in surface or groundwater pollution. The NDA's pesticide waste disposal program gives pesticide users the opportunity to properly discard unwanted pesticide products. This is a safe way to protect the environment from pesticide pollution and contamination. **Never pour pesticides down any drain.**

Old pesticide containers will deteriorate over time. Leaking containers can result in pesticide exposure to people, pets, wildlife and the environment. Avoid costly clean ups or pesticide exposure by removing and disposing of unwanted pesticide products.

### How do I dispose of waste pesticides?

First, inventory the pesticides you wish to dispose of. List the name of the product (use "unknown" if you are unsure). Be sure to include the approximate amount and state of the product. For example:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>State</u>
Chlordane	2 gallons	liquid
Unknown	10 lbs	dust

### Please do not drop off pesticides at our office.

Contact the NDA for an appointment. Always wear personal protective equipment (as instructed by the label) when handling pesticides. Of you have any unopened product that is still legal to use, the best option to dispose of it is to use it in accordance with the label instructions. This is also true of pesticide rinsate, which we do not collect.

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