

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 recycled?

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 the State of Nevada recycling hotline for all other recycling inquiries: **1-800-597-5865**.

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 cant I throw out pesticide waste?

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?

Participation is easy! 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. Here's an example:

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

Next, contact the NDA for an appointment. Usually, you will be asked to take waste pesticides to a storage facility. **Please do not drop off pesticides at our office.** Always wear personal protective equipment (as instructed by the label) when handling pesticides. Remember, if 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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