

The Rhode Island Division of Agriculture, RIDEM (DAG) has implemented a program through which commercial applicators will be able to properly dispose of obsolete pesticides. These are products which are unregistered, have been banned or have otherwise become unusable (caked, frozen, dried out, etc.). As these products are no longer able to be used for their intended purpose, they are classified as “Hazardous Waste”.

It is not uncommon for these materials to accumulate, as once registered products become unregistered, banned, uses and target pests are removed from labels, or they simply outlive their shelf-life. It is the intent of DAG to ensure these materials are collected and properly disposed of. Please be advised that although possession of these materials may be a violation of the Rhode Island Pest Control Act (RIPCA) this effort is being offered as compliance assistance and not enforcement.

This is the third round of collections being offered by DAG. We have held five successful collection days at DOT facilities, and are notifying you of the next three collection rounds to be held on September 16th, 17th, and 18th 2014. Be advised that these collections are open to **ALL COMMERCIAL APPLICATORS**.

This program is of no cost to you and eliminates your liability associated with storing these hazardous materials such as groundwater contamination, clean-up costs, legal liability, and disposal costs. As before this a no questions asked event with no requirement for preregistration. Details below:

1. Tuesday September 16th, at the RIDOT Garage located at 439 Tower Hill Road in North Kingstown.
2. Wednesday September 17th, at the RIDOT Garage located at 122 Wyatt Road in Middletown.
3. Thursday September 18th, at the RIDOT Garage located at 4782 Post Road in Charlestown.

Materials will be accepted from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please be sure to arrive at least ½ hour prior to closing to allow for all materials to be collected in a timely manner.

All materials should be packaged in accordance with the packaging and transportation guidance included with this letter. Additional information is available online at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/bnatres/agricult/pesticidecollection.php>. If you have any questions please contact me at (401) 222-2781, Ext. 4504 or via E-mail at: howard.cook@dem.ri.gov.

Sincerely,

Howard Cook,
Pesticide Program Supervisor

Packaging and Transportation Guidance

NO CONTAINERS LARGER THAN 5 GALLONS WILL BE ACCEPTED NO EXCEPTIONS!

- Never transport pesticides in the passenger area of a vehicle; instead, place them in the trunk or truck bed. If you must transport pesticides in a station wagon or van, secure them in the back away from passengers and pets and open the side windows.
- Do not place pesticides with groceries or other household items.
- Make certain pesticide container lids are securely fastened.
- Secure containers in an upright position to ensure they cannot fall or be knocked over. Boxes and other packing materials may be useful. Wrap glass containers in paper to protect from breaking. It is nearly impossible to thoroughly clean pesticides from upholstery, so take extra precautions to ensure spills do not occur in a vehicle
- Never leave pesticides unattended in an unlocked trunk or open truck bed in which they may come in contact with children or others.
- Dry materials must be wrapped in plastic bags and placed in cardboard cartons or plastic buckets. Liquids must be put into plastic containers with newspaper.
- Be sure to attach labels to containers. Unlabeled materials in containers larger than 5 gallons will not be accepted at the collection site.
- Brace items in your vehicle's bed or trunk to prevent shifting while en route. Cover loads in open-bed trucks in case of rain.
- Drive directly to the pesticide collection site after you load your vehicle.
- Drive carefully, please! You are responsible for any spills and their subsequent clean up and restoration costs.