What can be delivered?

All pesticides are accepted and are identified by an EPA registration number on the container. Pesticides include:

- Herbicides
- Insecticides
- Fungicides
- Rodenticides
- Avicides
- Weed & feed products
- Containers that have lost their labels but are suspected pesticides

What is not included for disposal?

Many items are used in association with pesticides or are a result of cleaning spray equipment. They are not qualified for disposal through the waste pesticide collection program. Some examples are:

- Pesticide and fertilizer rinsates
- Crop oils
- Adjuvants, wetters, drift retardants
- Fertilizers
- Empty pesticide containers
- Foam/dye markers
- Treated seed
- Animal pharmaceuticals
- Contaminated wood, concrete, soil, or fabric

Contact the MDA or your county solid waste official to learn how to best dispose of these items.

Questions?

The MDA and Minnesota counties have made getting rid of old, unwanted, or unusable pesticides as simple and convenient as possible. If, however, questions about waste pesticides or locations come up, contact the MDA.

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What are pesticides?

Pesticides help us control, kill, or prevent pest invaders in our fields, homes, and landscapes. When pesticides are no longer wanted or become unusable, they can endanger people, animals, or the environment if not properly managed. Secure storage is important, but eventually the pesticide must be disposed of permanently. The Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) has implemented a program to collect and dispose of waste pesticides from pesticide users since 1990. Millions of pounds of unwanted pesticides have been accepted and disposed of at no cost to the participant.

Where are the collection locations?

The MDA has developed cooperative partnerships with almost all counties to make disposal opportunities more available. In counties without these partnerships, the MDA holds collection events every other year. Increased opportunities help prevent the accumulation and continued storage of waste pesticides.

What steps are taken before drop off?

It is important for participants with farm or business waste to contact their county solid waste or environmental office before delivery is made so they can prepare accordingly. In some cases, they will direct deliveries to certain days and times depending on the amount of waste expected. The MDA waste pesticide collection events are also offered on occasion and are open to all Minnesota residents, farmers, and businesses. Waste pesticide disposal contact and event information is found at the Department of Agriculture website at: [www.mda.state.mn.us/wastepesticideschedule](http://www.mda.state.mn.us/wastepesticideschedule)

* Does not accept ag/business waste pesticides. The MDA collections for ag/business waste pesticides are available every other year.