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For free pesticide disposal, contact WSDA by Feb. 27

OLYMPIA — The [Washington State Department of Agriculture](#) (WSDA) plans to collect unwanted agricultural and commercial-grade pesticides in Eastern Washington this spring.

To participate, contact WSDA by Feb. 27 at wastepesticide@agr.wa.gov or call the agency at (360) 902-2056. The collection dates and locations will be set later, based on the response we get. WSDA works with a contracted hazardous waste company to package the pesticides for safe, legal transportation and disposal.

“We encourage farms, businesses, residents and landowners to check their property and buildings to look for pesticides no longer used or wanted,” said Joe Hoffman, coordinator of pesticide collection. “Proper disposal prevents expensive cleanup, protects public health and helps growers seeking Good Agricultural Practices, or GAP, certification.”

In planning for the pesticide collection event, consider:

- Collection dates and locations will be decided after customers sign up so we know how to schedule collection events.
- Insecticides, herbicides, fungicides, rodenticides and most chemicals that kill, repel or prevent unwanted pests will be accepted.
- Empty pesticide containers, fertilizers, motor oil or household hazardous waste will not be accepted and should be disposed of through your local solid waste program.
- We will provide any supplies needed to protect broken or leaky containers.
- We can provide free, on-site customer assistance to prepare pesticides for disposal.
- Before disposal, WSDA takes possession of the chemicals and accepts all further liability.

WSDA regulates the registration and sale of pesticides. The department also enforces state and federal laws to protect people, property and the environment against improper use or disposal of pesticides.

Through its events, WSDA collected and safely disposed 158,000 pounds of waste pesticides last year and nearly three million pounds since 1988.

Visit www.agr.wa.gov/wastepesticide for information about the WSDA Waste Pesticide Program.

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