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Chemigation and Fertigation Technical Assistance Program

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WSDA Waste Pesticide Collection Events Scheduled for September

Free waste pesticide collection events are scheduled for eastern Washington during September.

Who may participate? The disposal of waste pesticides is open to anyone who has agricultural or commercial grade pesticides, and it is free of charge.

What materials will not be accepted? The following items will not be accepted at collection events:

1. Empty pesticide containers
2. Fertilizer
3. Motor oil
4. Paint
5. Household hazardous waste

What is considered a waste pesticide? Any pesticide that is unusable or unwanted, had its registration canceled or suspended, contains unknown ingredients, or is not in its original container. In the case of an unknown pesticide, WSDA staff must sample the container prior to delivery at a collection event with the purpose of verifying the content to ensure the safe handling and transportation of the material. Also, WSDA staff can also assist with overpacking weak or leaking containers and by providing clear plastic overpack bags.

Can a fieldman or crop advisor take possession of the material, and then deliver it to a collection event? Yes. In fact, this is a service provided by some agrichemical business on behalf of their customers. Because customers' names do not appear on any waste manifests or reports and given that WSDA is identified as the waste generator, WSDA is disinterested in who the customer is. All customer inventory forms are destroyed within a year of the event.

How do I register for a collection event? WSDA pesticide licensees in Adams, Grant, Benton, Franklin, Columbia, and Walla Walla Counties will receive a direct mailing about the collection events, which will include the registration process. You may also contact the WSDA

Waste Pesticide Management program by one of the following means. Note: Prior registration is necessary to assist WSDA staff in planning the event, preparing shipping documents, and minimizing wait time by participants.

Direct Line: (360) 902-2056

Toll Free Line: 1-877-301-4555

E-mail: wastepesticide@agr.wa.gov

Empty plastic pesticide containers will not be accepted; however, arrangements can be made to recycle properly rinsed containers by contacting Northwest Ag Plastics at (509) 457-3850.

What are the schedule dates and locations for eastern Washington? The location, collection date, and sign-up dates for the collection events follow.

Location	Collection Date	Sign-up Date
Othello	September 12	August 9
Walla Walla	September 13	August 9
Prosser	September 14	August 9

Please remember: It is a violation of the federal Clean Air Act and of state rule to burn plastic or paper pesticide containers.

2006-2007 WSU Pre-Licensing Training and Recertification Classes

The WSU Pesticide Education and Training Program has announced its pre-license training and recertification classes for 2006-2007. The locations, dates, and, if applicable, program focus for these courses follow.

Recertification Classes		
Location	Date	Program Focus
Pasco	November 14-15	
Pasco	November 15	Spanish
Pullman	January 10-11	
Spokane	January 16	Dealer
Spokane	January 17-18	
Yakima	January 23-24	
Moses Lake	January 30-31	
Wenatchee	February 1-2	
Pasco	February 6	Commercial Applicator
Pasco	February 7-8	

Pre-License Training	
Location	Date
Spokane	January 16-18
Moses Lake	January 29-31
Pasco	February 6-8
Colfax	February 21-23

Additional information about these and other classes can be viewed at the following link:
 <<http://pep.wsu.edu/Education/educ.html>>.

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