



How is the recycled plastic used?

The plastic chips are shipped to reformulators and recycled into uses approved by the Agricultural Container Research Council (ACRC). Currently, the

plastic is used to manufacture pesticide containers, agricultural drain pipes, speed bumps, parking stops, hazardous waste drums, scaffold nailing strips, commercial truck sub-floor support members, and dock and sea wall pilings.

How can you participate?

Contact VDACS' Office of Pesticide Services and indicate your interest in participating in the program. The Program Coordinator will provide all the necessary information to start your recycling program, and is also available to visit your location.



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VIRGINIA PLASTIC PESTICIDE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM



The Right Thing To Do

How can you dispose of your empty pesticide containers?



The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' (VDACS) Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program provides pesticide dealers and applicators with a convenient, cost effective, environmentally friendly option to dispose of properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers.

What is the Pesticide Container Recycling Program?

The Plastic Pesticide Container Recycling Program is a free service that assists with the disposal of properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers. The program is available to any pesticide applicator or dealer in Virginia and is part of a nationwide effort by chemical manufacturers to reduce the waste generated by the disposal of plastic pesticide containers.

What are the benefits to your company?

- Cost savings through waste reduction
- Environmental stewardship
- Positive public relations message

Who participates?

There are many localities, dealers, and applicators (both private and commercial) currently participating in this program. More than 20 cities and counties have collection sites available for public participation, while many agricultural pesticide dealers, private producers of agricultural commodities, and commercial applicators such as golf courses, aerial applicators, and management

companies participate by simply storing their empty, properly rinsed containers for annual or biannual collection. For a collection site near you, visit: vdacs.virginia.gov/pesticides/r-localities.shtml

What do you have to do differently?

Nothing. There are two ways to participate: You can either find a collection site near you and return your empty, properly rinsed containers, or you can store your properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers in a covered location until the contractor arrives to pick up your containers. Most participating companies, for example store their containers in an empty fertilizer bin, stacked on pallets in a warehouse, or in a tractor trailer van body.

Is there a minimum number of containers required before scheduling a pick up?

The contractor will visit any location with at least 500 properly rinsed plastic pesticide containers. Most custom applicators generate that many containers in a very short period of time in heavy agricultural production applications.

