

**Notice: VDACS is unable to provide funding for the Pesticide Collection Program in 2017 therefore this program has been suspended for one year. It is anticipated that the Pesticide Collection Program will resume in 2018.**

In the interim, should you have unwanted, pesticides, there are options available to ensure good stewardship. First and foremost, pesticide labels provide specific information about how to properly dispose of unused products. To reduce the potential for unused pesticides, mix only enough pesticide for the job(s) you have planned and if possible, use up small amounts of excess pesticides. Should you have unwanted pesticides, they can be stored until the program is again available in your area:

- Pesticides should be stored out of reach of children and pets and in a secure location that is well-ventilated.
- Pesticides should never be stored in cabinets with or near food, animal feed, or medical supplies and should not be stored in places where flooding is possible or where they might spill or leak into wells, drains, ground water, or surface water.
- Always store pesticides in their original containers with their tops tightly closed if possible. If the pesticide label is damaged, provide as much information about the product as possible.
- If the integrity of the packing is compromised, place inside another container.

If you are unable to store your unwanted pesticides please be aware that, unless allowed on the pesticide label, pesticides cannot be disposed of in the same manner as other household trash since they are considered hazardous substances. As hazardous substances, pesticides need to be carried to a hazardous waste collection site or facility. Some municipalities may offer hazardous waste collection sites or hold annual hazardous waste collections. If a hazardous waste collection program is not offered in your area and you are unable to store your unwanted pesticides, you should contact an Environmental/Hazardous Waste Contractor to dispose of your unwanted pesticides.