



MAEAP Clean Sweep

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The Michigan Clean Sweep Program helps protect the state's natural resources by facilitating the proper disposal of outdated, unused, or unwanted pesticides. Permanent pesticide drop-off sites, operated by local staff and frequently coordinated with local hazardous waste programs, have been key to program success. The state's conservation districts help arrange many satellite collections, in partnership with local health departments and permanent collection sites. This increases the area and number of people the program can serve. Pesticide disposal costs are covered by the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP).

IMPACT FOR MICHIGAN:

The Michigan Clean Sweep program makes it easier for farmers and other homeowners to dispose of pesticides from old barns, basements, homes, and sheds. Investigations of environmental contamination from chemicals can cost tens of millions of dollars, last for many years, and require remediation that may cost more than the investigation. This program helps ensure that the state and its citizens avoid additional costs of accidents, fires, floods, and other disasters.

2021 ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- Satellite collections were held in 16 counties.
- The program collected 220,415 pounds of pesticides for proper disposal - the second-highest amount since the program's inception.
- After a decrease due to COVID-19 related event cancellations in 2020, collection numbers rebounded.

MEASURING SUCCESS:

Metric	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Clean Sweep permanent sites	18	18	17	17	18	18
Clean Sweep satellite counties	15	19	13	17	13	16
Pesticides collected (pounds)	179,470	194,039	184,081	224,922	160,218	220,415
Disposal program costs covered (\$)	230,610	200,000	230,952	270,845	168,690	224,999

2022 PROGRAM GOALS:

- Add one to two additional permanent sites.
- Increase outreach to other counties with 18 satellite collections.
- Streamline reporting requirements to decrease the per-pound cost of disposal.
- Collect and dispose of 230,000 pounds of pesticides.

KEY STAKEHOLDERS:

- Agriculture industry groups
- Michigan agribusiness
- Greenhouse industry
- Residential pesticide users
- Local hazardous waste program

LEGAL AUTHORITY:

- Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, Public Act 451 of 1994, Part 82 (Conservation Practices) and Part 87 (Groundwater and Freshwater Protection), as amended
- Public Acts 1 and 2 of 2011, as amended