Safe and Proper Pesticide Disposal

How to dispose of pesticides

Safe and proper pesticide disposal helps protect Michigan's natural resources and prevent agriculture pollution. Avoid disposing of pesticides by mixing only enough for the job. If any remaining pesticide cannot be used properly, ensure safe pesticide disposal by:

- Following all disposal instructions on the pesticide label.
- Never pour pesticides down the sink, toilet, sewer, or street drain.
- Never reuse empty pesticide containers. Pesticide residues in old containers can contaminate new contents and cause serious harm.
- Rinsate or leftover mixtures of pesticides can be field applied at labeled rates and sites.

Michigan Clean Sweep Program

The Michigan Clean Sweep Program helps protect the state's natural resources and prevent agriculture pollution by ensuring the safe and proper disposal of outdated, unused, or unwanted pesticides in Michigan.

Clean Sweep is made possible by a strong and unique state, federal, local, and industry partnership. There are a number of Clean Sweep sites around the state to accept your unused or expired pesticide products. The schedule varies from county to county. It is best to contact the Clean Sweep site nearest to you for details.

Participating Clean Sweep sites accept pesticide product, free of charge, from any Michigan resident. They are not, however, required to handle other types of household hazardous waste from residents outside of their respective counties.

Questions?

The Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) enforces laws and regulations for pesticide use in Michigan. For further information regarding pesticides and other areas regulated by MDARD, visit www.michigan.gov/mdardpest, or call 800-292-3939 and ask to be referred to your local pesticide inspector. MDARD inspectors are available to provide compliance assistance.