

Disposal of Ag Chemicals

Take Steps to Protect Your Drinking Water Resources



Become **Better Informed** about Wellhead Protection

Agricultural chemicals can have a significant impact on groundwater and drinking water resources when not properly managed. They can contaminate groundwater through how they are used.

Best Management Practices for DISPOSAL of Agricultural Chemicals:

- *Evaluate and create an inventory list including the types, amount, and condition of the pesticide products you have in storage. **Always handle waste pesticides safely** by wearing gloves, proper clothing, eye protection, and a mask as needed.
- *Review product labels and containers. Determine which pesticides you have that are useable and which products are ones to be disposed.
- *Place pesticides with damaged containers inside a larger container or a plastic bag.
- ***Contact your county solid waste or household hazardous waste facility** about proper disposal and participation in the Minnesota Department of Agriculture Pesticide Collection Program.
- *Take action now to dispose of pesticides to avoid leaks and contamination on your property.
- ***DO NOT DUMP OR BURY PESTICIDES!**
- *Use all of the product from the container. Containers need to be triple rinsed. Use rinsate with the application of the product. Properly rinsed containers can be recycled through the product retailers or by contacting your county solid waste office for recycling options.

Report all spills to the State Duty Officer at: 800-422-0798

Additional Best Management Practices for Agricultural Chemical Use and Disposal can be found at: www.mda.state.mn.us.

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