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IDOA TO OFFER FREE RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR AGRICHEMICAL CONTAINERS

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) is encouraging farmers and agrichemical facilities to save their empty agrichemical containers as they will once again be hosting free container recycling days throughout the State.

Beginning the middle of July and continuing into August, sites throughout the State will collect the empty containers which will be recycled and made into shipping pallets, plastic lumber, and other useful products. In 2019, 30 single-day collection events were held throughout the state. IDOA personnel inspected and collected approximately 95,000 pounds of #2 HDPE plastic pesticide containers from pesticide users.

“This program offers farmers and agrichemical facilities a convenient opportunity to dispose of empty pesticide containers while also helping to protect the environment,” said Jerry Costello II, Director, IDOA. “I encourage farmers to gather any containers they may have been planning to throw out and take them to the nearest collection site to be repurposed.”

Metal and household pesticide containers are not eligible for the recycling program. Collection sites will accept only high-density polyethylene, #2 plastic agrichemical containers that are clean and dry. Participants are responsible for rinsing them and removing all caps, labels, booklets, and foil seals.

The program is a cooperative venture between the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Container Recycling Council, GROWMARK, Inc., Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association, G. Phillips and Sons, L.L.C., Illinois Farm Bureau, and the University of Illinois Extension.

Additional information can be found on the IDOA website at agriculture.illinois.gov, click on the “Environment” tab and then “Agrichemicals”.

The collection sites and dates for the 2020 Pesticide Container Recycling Program are as follows:

Permanent collection sites:

<u>County</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Phone #</u>
Greene	Carrollton	CHS Inc.	Bryan McMurtrie	217-942-6991

Single Day Collection Sites:

AM Site hours are 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

PM Site hours are 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

*** Site hours are 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Date/Time	County / City	Location	Contact	Phone
7/23 AM	Hancock / Bowen	Chem-Gro, Inc.	Todd Nelson	217-842-5514
7/23 PM	Schuyler / Rushville	Prairieland FS	Aaron Winner	217-322-2024
7/24 AM	McDonough/ Blandinsville	Nutrien Ag Sol., Inc.	Travis Weaver	309-652-3694
7/27 PM	Carroll / Milledgeville	Carroll Service Co.	Riley Warnken	815-225-7101
7/28 AM	Morgan / Jacksonville	Prairieland FS	Dick Stiltz	217-243-6561
7/28 PM	Cass / Virginia	Sunrise Ag	Mike Schone	217-452-3936
7/29 AM	Stephenson / Dakota	Pearl City Elevator	Mark Wells	815-449-2254
7/29 PM	Winnebago / Rockford	Conserv FS	Greg Sandahl	815-963-7669
7/30 AM	McHenry / Marengo	Conserv FS	Brett Wolter	815-568-7211
7/30 PM	DeKalb / Kirkland	Helena Chemical Co.	Dan Moore	815-522-3251
7/31 AM	Kane / Maple Park	CHS Inc.	Dave Kleckner	630-365-5027
8/3 PM	Livingston / Saunemin	Nutrien Ag Sol., Inc.	Steve Schaffer	815-832-4491
8/4 AM	LaSalle / Lostant	Grainco FS	Josh Scott	815-368-3215
8/4 PM	Marshall / Toluca	Helena Chemical Co.	Ashley Anderson	815-452-2377
8/5 AM	Kankakee / Chebanse	Chebanse Ag	Dean Schafer	815-697-2392
8/5 PM	Iroquois / Onarga	Nutrien Ag Sol., Inc.	Todd Miller	815-268-4428
8/11 AM	Peoria / Hanna City	Ag-Land FS	Mark Alvey	309-565-4315
8/11 PM	Tazewell / Deer Creek	Earlybird Feed & Fert.	Dave Howard	309-613-0934
8/12 AM	Effingham / Montrose	Effingham Equity	Andy Meinhart	217-342-3123
8/12 PM	Champaign / Tolono	United Prairie	Ben Rawlins	217-485-6000
8/13 AM	Fayette / Vandalia	Woolsey Brothers	Randy Goodman	618-283-1263
8/13 PM	Christian / Pana	Effingham Equity	Andy Meinhart	217-342-3123
8/14 AM	Macoupin / Girard	M & M Service	Zane Rutherford	217-627-2151
8/19 AM	Clinton / New Baden	Nutrien Ag Sol., Inc.	Jeff Haas	618-588-3525
8/19 PM	Monroe / Waterloo	Gateway FS	Ryan Gonzalez	618-282-4000
8/20 ***	Randolph / Sparta	Bockhorn Ag	Justin Bockhorn	618-443-3905
8/20 PM	Washington / Irvington	Irvington Elevator	Steve Seidel	618-249-6206
8/21 AM	Wayne / Ellery	Wabash Valley Srv. Co.	Kent Ochs	618-516-1697