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PESTICIDE CONTAINER DISPOSAL

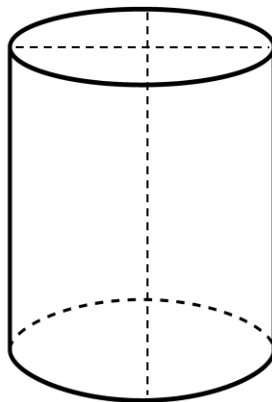
Plastic liquid pesticide containers must be inspected and certified by staff at the Colusa County Agricultural Commissioner's office before they can be recycled. A certificate will be issued and is to be delivered to the Maxwell Transfer Station operator along with the containers.

Maxwell Transfer Station
Old Hwy 99 W
Maxwell, CA 95955
Phone: 530-438-2622
Open Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
1st and 3rd Saturdays 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Requirements for certification are as follows:

Containers must be:

- accessible for inspection
- completely drained
- uncrushed at time of inspection
- have caps and labels removed (caps and labels may be disposed of in normal solid waste)
- 30 gallon containers must be cut in quarters as seen in diagram. Containers will not be inspected until they are cut.



Person in possession must:

- provide a count of containers
- certify that the containers have been rinsed in accordance with Section 6684 of the California Code of Regulations, which follows

Section 6684. Rinse and Drain Procedures

- (a) Except for containers to be returned to the registrant, each emptied container that has held less than 28 gallons of a liquid pesticide that is diluted for use shall be rinsed and drained by the user at time of use as follows:
- (b) (1) Use the following amount of water or other designated spray carrier for each rinse.

<u>Size of Container</u>	<u>Amount of Rinse Water</u>
Less than 5 gallons	1/4 container volume
5 gallons or more	1/5 container volume

(2) Place required minimum amount of rinse medium in the container, replace closure securely and agitate.

(3) Drain rinse solution from container into tank mix. Allow container to drain 30 seconds after normal emptying.

(4) Repeat (2) and (3) above a minimum of two times so as to provide a total of three rinses; or

- (c) (1) Invert the emptied container over a nozzle located in the opening of the mix tank which is capable of rinsing all inner surfaces of the container.

(2) Activate the rinse nozzle allowing the rinse solution to drain into the tank. The rinse shall continue until the rinse solution appears clear and a minimum of one-half of the container volume of rinse medium has been used. A minimum of 15 pounds pressure per square inch shall be used for rinsing; or

- (d) Other rinse methods, at least equal in effectiveness to the above, approved by the director.

Paper Bags

Empty paper sacks, bags or cartons that have held pesticides may be burned at the application site. A burn permit must be obtained from the local fire department or Air Pollution Control District, prior to burning. The Colusa County Air Pollution Control District (APCD) must be called at (530) 458-0581 for authorization to burn on that particular day. Air Pollution Control regulations prohibit the burning of plastics.

Please contact the Colusa County Department of Agriculture at 530-458-0580 when Pesticide Container Disposal certification is necessary.