

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES: DISPOSAL

■ Fertiliser, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies & Stock Remedies Act (No. 36 of 1947)

■ National Environmental Management: Waste Act (No. 59 of 2008)
- Regulations regarding Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

PESTICIDES

Unused, expired,
no longer available.

APPLICATION LEFT OVERS

PESTICIDE CONTAINERS

All empty containers must be entered
into a register and reconciled with
pesticide stocks

WARNINGS

- Pesticide container must NEVER be used for any other purpose than decanted and diluted (mixed, ready for use) pesticides for applications.
- Containers used for 'mix' solutions need to be clearly labelled as such. If they contain mixes that differ from the original label that label needs to be removed.
- Must NOT be burnt and CAN'T be stored for more than 18 months.

PREVENTION

- Quantities bought should be limited to one season's needs.

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- Only prepare the quantity required for a single application or a single day's use.

■ **Consult the SDS, distributor or CropLife SA representative for the correct disposal procedure:**

DISPOSAL HDPE PLASTIC CONTAINERS

- 1) Rinse 3 times with clean water filling 1/4 of the containers volume. Rinse water to be decanted into spray cart.
- 2) Dry container.
- 3) Puncture/cut container into quarters.
- 4) No longer considered HAZARDOUS WASTE.
- 5) Must be removed by an approved collector, or to an approved recycling plant. A CoDi must be received from the collector/recycler.

DISPOSAL EMPTY PAPER & CARDBOARD PACKAGING

- 1) Shake the box/bag vigorously over the application area to get rid of all the particles.
- 2) Turn the box/bag inside out and shake again over the spray tank.
- 3) Rinse the box/bag thoroughly with water and sprinkle this water over the application area.
- 4) Dry the box/bag and dispose of in paper recycling bins.
*Some CropLife SA Certified Recyclers may take cleaned paper and cardboard pesticide primary packaging.

DISPOSAL POLYPROPYLENE FOIL PACKAGING

- 1) When empty, shake the foil bag vigorously over the spray tank area to get rid of all particles.
- 2) Turn the foil bag inside out and shake again over the spray tank.
- 3) Rinse the foil bag thoroughly with water for 30 seconds over the spray tank.
- 4) Shake and rinse water off into the spray tank, allowing it to drip over the spray tank for 30 seconds.
- 5) Repeat steps 3 to 5 twice.
- 6) Puncture the bag to render it unsuitable for further use.
- 7) Tie bags into bundles and dispose of via CropLife SA Certified Recycler.

DISPOSAL GLASS BOTTLES

- 1) When empty, hold the bottle over the spray tank and drain for 30s.
- 2) Fill bottle to 1/4 of its volume with clean water.
- 3) Replace cap and shake for 30s
- 4) Decant the rinse water into the spray tank. Hold the bottle over the spray tank and drain for 30s.
- 6) Repeat steps 2 to 5 twice.
- 7) Rinse cap thoroughly.
- 8) The glass bottle may be disposed of in glass recycling bins or handed to a CropLife SA Certified Recycler.

DISPOSAL ALUMINIUM CONTAINERS

- 1) When the container has been emptied of all its contents, take the screw cap off and allow it to aerate for at least 24hrs.
- 2) Submerge the container in a bucket filled with cold water and allow it to stand for an hour.
- 3) Decant water and dry container in direct sunlight.
- 4) Flatten the container to make it useless for other purposes.
- 6) Dispose of the container via a CropLife SA Certified Recycler.

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