

REAP FACTSHEET #2

The Safe Disposal of Pesticides in BC



What is a Pesticide?

According to the British Columbia Pesticide Control Act (1997) a "pesticide" is any material that is intended to prevent, destroy, repel or mitigate a "pest". The word pesticide is often misunderstood to mean only an insecticide when actually it refers also to herbicides, rodenticides, fungicides, miticides, as well as wood preservatives, disinfectants, and products that control algae. Because there are so many kinds of pesticides, many people don't often even realize that what they are using could be harmful to the environment. For example Weed-n-Feed is commonly mistaken for a fertilizer product - when it is actually a registered pesticide!

How do I dispose of unwanted pesticides?

If you have pesticides that you no longer want or need, follow the important instructions below. *Never pour pesticides down the drain or re-use empty containers.* Pesticides are harmful if they are not disposed of properly.

Store them in a safe place, secure from children or pets

Return them to one of the industry-funded return centres in your area *if they are accepted under the provincial regulation.*

How do I know if a pesticide will be accepted?

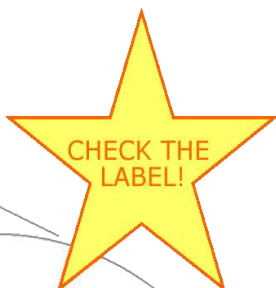
The B.C. Post-Consumer Residual Stewardship Program Regulation requires producers of specific types of hazardous products (solvents/flammable liquids, domestic pesticides, gasoline and pharmaceuticals) to provide consumers with a safe and convenient method to manage unwanted products.

As a result there are industry-funded return centres located in communities across British Columbia that take back products included under the regulation.

In order to be accepted at the return centre, the product must have 2 symbols on its label. The first is a **Pest Control Product (PCP)/Registration Number**. All pesticides registered for use in Canada have a PCP Number (see example to the right). The second symbol is the **skull and cross bones symbol**, signifying that the product is poisonous.

Products that do not have both of these symbols on the label are not currently accepted at return centres. The maximum container size currently accepted at depots is 10 Litres.

Peel off this Sticker and put it on any pesticide product that is accepted at return centres, to remind you where to take them when it is ready for disposal!



Where is the closest return centre?

To find out where the return centre closest to you is located, go online at:

www.productcare.com

or call the BC Recycling Hotline at:

604-R-E-C-Y-C-L-E (604-732-9253)
(or toll free 1-800-667-4321)

For more information go online at www.spec.bc.ca/pesticides



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