

Pesticide Container Recycling

Monterey County
Agricultural Commissioner's
Office



LANDFILL PROBLEM



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Agricultural Plastic Waste



What Happens to AG Waste?

NOT GOOD SOLUTIONS:

- ◆ **Dumped into rivers and the ocean**
- ◆ **Thrown into fields and ravines**
- ◆ **Buried underground**
- ◆ **Taken to the Landfill**

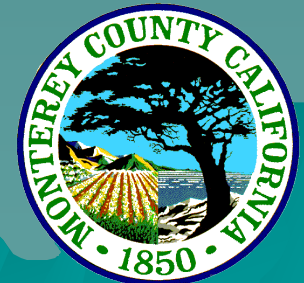
BEST SOLUTION:

- ◆ **RECYCLE !!!!!**



Why change ?

- ◆ Reusing resources instead of throwing them away
- ◆ Eliminating contamination of land, rivers, water table, public areas.
- ◆ More protective behavior towards the environment
- ◆ Following the Law



What Happens at a Landfill?



Pesticide Container Recycling Program



Pesticide Container Recycling Program Goal

*To collect, shred and recycle
Agricultural Pesticide Containers,
at no cost, to reduce landfill waste
and reuse valuable resources.*



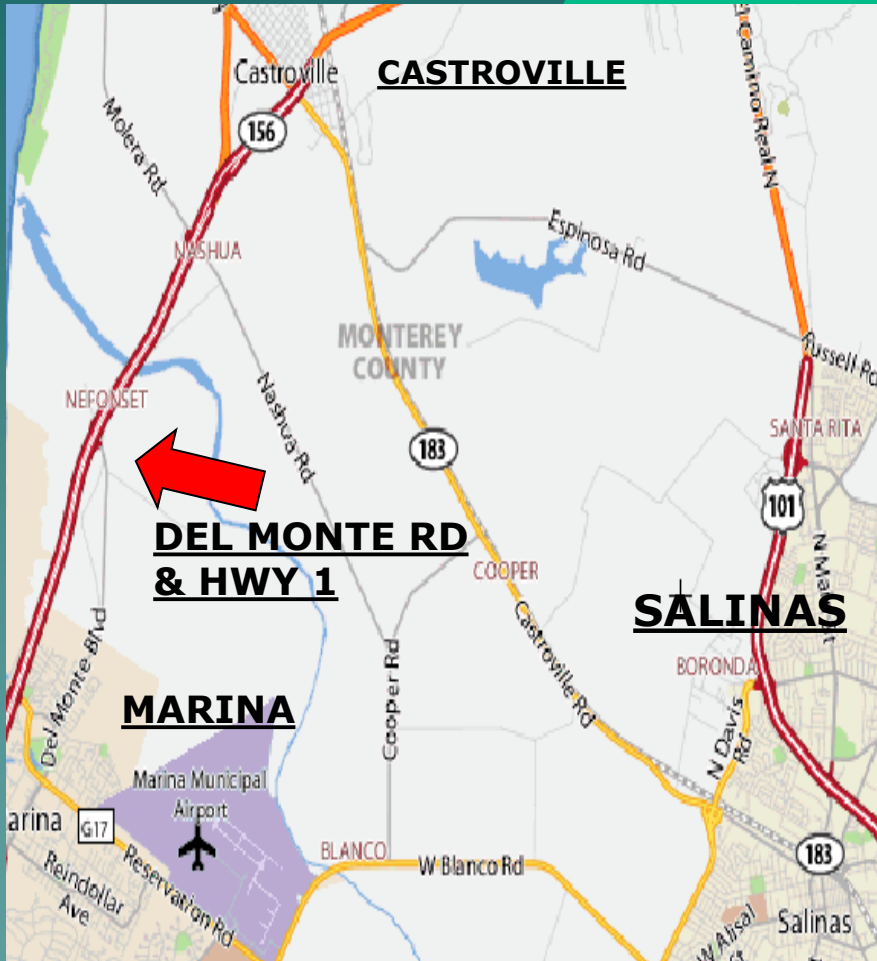
When Can I Recycle Pesticide Containers?

- ◆ **March – November**
- ◆ **Once or twice a Month**
- ◆ **Thursdays**
- ◆ **9 AM to 12 NOON**
- ◆ **Schedule for 2013 available!**



Where Do I Go to Recycle?

**Monterey Regional
Waste Management
District
--Marina Landfill--**



Where Do I Go?



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How Much Does it Cost?

NOTHING!!

- ◆ There is no charge from the County



- ◆ YOU SAVE MONEY!!!



How do I sign up?

- ◆ It's easy!
- ◆ Call Pesticide Use Enforcement Unit at the Ag Commissioner's office
(831) 759-7340
- ◆ WE HAVE THIS INFORMATION FOR YOU ON THE BACK TABLE



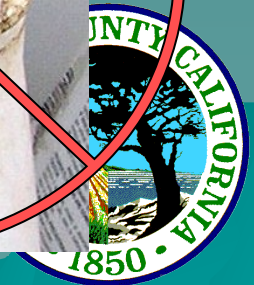
What Containers are Accepted?

◆ SIZES:

- 1 Pint Bottles to 35 Gallon Drums



Condition of Containers



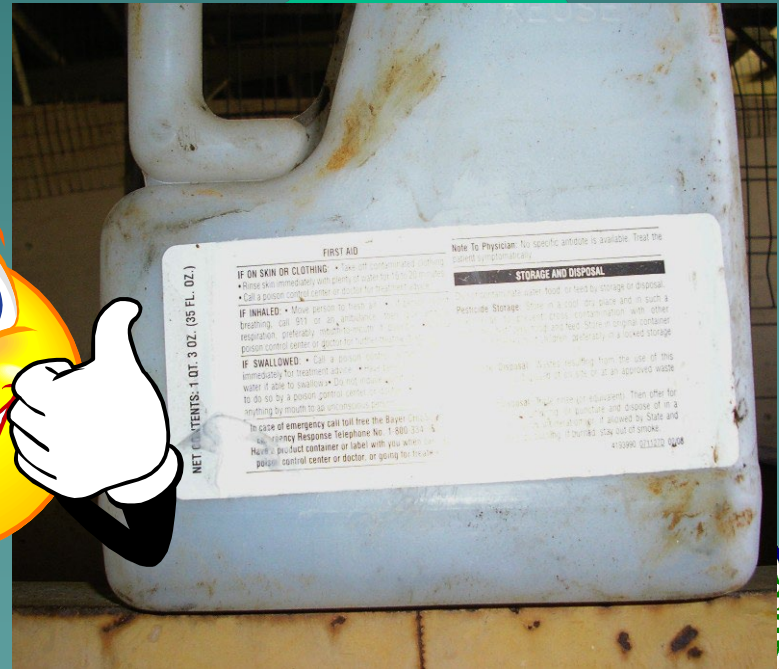
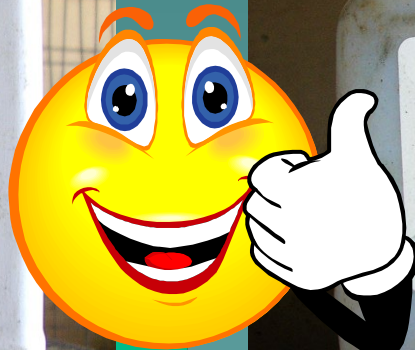
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◆ BUT....

STICKER LABELS ARE OK!!!!



Condition of Containers

- ◆ Containers must be **Empty**
- ◆ **Triple Rinsed** and Dry
- ◆ **Staining** is Acceptable
- ◆ Caked on Residue is **Not**



What Paperwork Do I Need?

No Paperwork Necessary

- ◆ We inspect at site and we have forms.
- ◆ You need to know the **approximate number of containers** and their size

Example

100	2 ½ gallon Containers
50	1 gallon Containers
6	35 gallon Drums



MONTEREY COUNTY



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PESTICIDE CONTAINER RINSE CERTIFICATION

Company Name _____

Hereby certifies that the pesticide containers received at the Marina Landfill have been tripled rinsed or rinsed in a closed system in accordance with Section 6684 of the California Code of Regulations.

<u>Plastic Container</u>	<u>Number</u>
35 Gallon	_____
30 Gallon	_____
25 Gallon	_____
20 Gallon	_____
5 Gallon	_____
2 ½ Gallon	_____
1 Gallon	_____
½ Gallon	_____
1 Quart	_____
1 Pint	_____
Other	_____

Company Representative

Agricultural Biologist

Date

Date

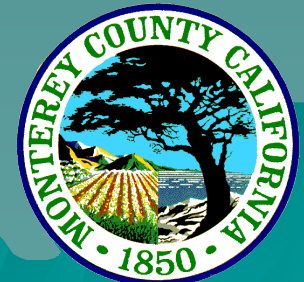
All containers delivered to the landfill are subject to inspection by the Agricultural Biologist on duty. Possession of improperly rinsed containers is a violation of Section 6684 of the California Code of Regulations. All violations are subject to a fine imposed by the Agricultural Commissioner.

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Inspector hands you a form to fill out.



Inspector Checks that Containers are Properly Cleaned



Containers are then unloaded



Containers are then Shredded



09/18/2008



Shredding Crew



The Work Begins



The Shredder



Tossing Containers Into The Shredder



Containers Ready to Shred



09/18/2008



Shredded Containers

2 1/2 gallon



35 gallon

5 gallon



2 1/2 gallon Containers



35 gallon Drums



4888

Shredded Containers

1800 lbs of
Shredded
Plastic



Products Made from Shredded Containers



Recycling is Helping

- ◆ **12 Successful Years**
- ◆ **Increased Participation Each Year**
- ◆ **Creating a Recycled Plastics Market = JOBS**
- ◆ **Legislature to make all Agricultural Plastics Recyclable**



Don't Forget... Recycling Helps YOU

- ◆ This Service Is **FREE**
- ◆ You Avoid Cost of Disposal!
- ◆ You **SAVE** **\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$**



**We Look Forward To
Working With You!**

See You Next Year!!!!!!!



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To Sign Up Call

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Get More **Information** on the **Back Table** Before You Leave

