Chapter 27: Managing Pesticide Wastes

Two types of Wastes:

- Containers
- Pesticides
Disposal of Pesticide Containers

Regulatory Requirements

• Follow the label instructions for disposal
  • It is illegal to burn or bury pesticide containers in VT
  • Liquid Pesticide Containers — Triple rinse and puncture top and bottom to prevent re-use.
  • Dry Formulations Containers — empty completely and open both ends to prevent re-use.
• Properly processed containers can be disposed of in licensed sanitary landfills or held for recycling
Disposal of Pesticide Containers
General Guidance

- If holding properly processed pesticide containers for disposal at a future date — they should be labeled as properly rinsed or emptied and kept in a locked storage area.

- Pesticide Dealers may accept clean & empty containers for recycling — check first!

- **REMEMBER** — be able to account for every pesticide container used on the job!
Disposal of Pesticides

Regulatory Requirements

- **Surplus and Waste Pesticides = Hazardous Waste** and must be disposed of as hazardous waste

- Take surplus or waste pesticides to pesticide drop-off sites sponsored by:

  - VT Solid Waste Districts
Disposal of Pesticides
General Guidance

- Cut down on surplus — buy only what you need.
- Always check out the job before you mix the pesticide AND mix only what you’ll need for the job.
- Add rinse-water to the tank mix.
- Apply leftover pesticide mix to sites labeled for use.
- Factory-sealed containers may be returned to the point of purchase – call first.