



AGRECOVERY
Rural Recycling Programme

Nothing stays buried forever

What's in your shed?

Do you have expired agricultural or horticultural chemicals? Do you want an alternative to burning or dumping plastic containers?

Agrecovery is New Zealand's solution for the safe disposal of unwanted agrichemicals, and the recycling or recovery of empty containers, drums and IBCs.

Burning or burying these items on-property is not an acceptable practice due to the risk of harm to people, livestock and aquatic life, as well as effects on air and water quality.

Over sixty suppliers of agrichemicals, animal health and dairy hygiene products voluntarily fund Agrecovery, providing a sustainable alternative and removing the need for user-pays disposal fees for more than 3,000 commonly used products!



Demonstrating sustainable farming practices to the world

Agrecovery is one of 35+ programmes operating around the world, all playing their part in global efforts to reduce the environmental impacts of primary production.

Demonstrating good environmental practices is an increasingly common requirement to meet market standards and supply chain programmes. Farmers and growers can use Agrecovery activity reports to evidence appropriate product disposal.



Chemical Recovery

The Agrecovery Chemicals programme provides a safe disposal programme for unwanted or expired agrichemicals. These are collected via regional collection events (see a list on our website).

To book disposal of unwanted or expired chemicals, follow these steps:

Step 1: Take an inventory

To register your chemicals we will need to know:

- Chemical name and manufacturer (mixed chemicals or those with no label can be listed as "Unknown")
- Original pack size and remaining volume
- State (eg. liquid or solid)
- Condition of container

Step 2: Book your chemicals

Using your inventory, register your chemicals via our website, or call us for a booking form.

Step 3: Subsidies assessed

Most chemicals are free for disposal and collection, others are subsidised. (Over 3000 commonly used products are fully funded).

Step 4: Confirmation and collection

Your booking will be held in our system until a collection is planned for your region. At that point, we will review your booking, advising if any costs apply. You can then choose whether to proceed with all, part or none of your booking. Collection will then be arranged.

What happens to my chemicals?

Agrecovery uses qualified chemical contractors for the collection and disposal of your unwanted chemicals. Chemicals are then disposed of according to New Zealand regulations.

For household or garden chemicals please contact your local council for disposal options as these are not subsidised through Agrecovery.



DID YOU KNOW?

The average Waikato and BOP farm generates an average of 37 tonnes of waste per property each year.

Waikato and BOP Regional Councils: Rural waste surveys data analysis 2014

Safe, compliant and best practice

You can rest assured that all collected materials are handled in accordance with industry best practice. Plastic is recycled within New Zealand, and all chemicals are safely disposed of in approved facilities here and overseas.

Agrecovery is a not-for-profit charitable trust and Foundation trustees represent dairy and pastoral farmers, growers, rural retailers, manufacturers, contractors and local government to ensure fair industry representation for all.

The programme is operated to the ISO 14001 environmental standard and is recognised by the Ministry for the Environment as an accredited product stewardship programme under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008.

Keep a look out for our logo

Look for the Agrecovery logo when purchasing your products. This means the container can be recycled for free.

Support the brands that support your industry solution!



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Container Recycling

Use this FREE recycling programme to dispose of your empty agrichemical, animal health and dairy hygiene containers.

Step 1: Prepare your containers

Containers must be:

- Plastic, 0-60 litres in size, with lid removed
- Free from chemical residue and dirt inside and out*
- From our 60+ participating brand owners – leave labels on for identification#

Step 2: Locate your local collection site

Our website lists over 70 permanent collection sites located across New Zealand, plus any collection events based in areas without permanent sites.

We also collect direct from property for large volumes (300+ containers).

Step 3: Inspection and Acceptance

All containers are inspected at the collection site before acceptance and a recycling receipt will be issued for your records. (Recycling records can also be downloaded from our website).

What happens to my containers?

Agrecovery delivers the plastic to New Zealand recyclers where it is generally made into underground utility cable cover.

**Containers must be triple rinsed and completely drained of any liquid.*

#Only containers from participating brand owners are free to recycle.

For a full list of participating brand owners, collection sites and events check our website or contact us by freephone.



Scan me for a list of brand owners and collection sites.

DID YOU KNOW?

Open burning of agricultural plastics can lead to the release of many air pollutants and hazardous by-products, including heavy metals, dioxins and furans. Dioxins and furans are a health concern even in very small quantities, being associated with endocrine disruption, heart disease, cognitive and motor disabilities, as well as being a known human carcinogen.

Ontario Agricultural Waste Study: Environmental Impacts of Open-Burning Agricultural Plastics 2011

Large Drum Recovery

Agrecovery now offers free on-property collection for drums (61L – 1000L) from participating brand owners.

Step 1: Prepare your drums and IBCs

Drums and IBCs must be:

- Plastic or steel, 61L – 1000L in size
- Empty and triple rinsed
- Free from residue inside and out
- Label left on for identification
- Bung left in (please don't puncture drums as they may be reconditioned)

Step 2: Book collection

Book collection online or give us a call.

Drums from participating brands are eligible for free collection. Other brands are subject to fees payable at time of booking. A minimum volume of four large drums or one IBC is required for collection.

Step 3: Collection

Collections will take place on a quarterly basis across New Zealand. For example, bookings made during January to March will be collected in April, if not earlier. We will contact you once a collection has been scheduled for your area.

What happens to the drums?

Drums in good condition can be re-used multiple times. At the end of their useful life they are recycled and the plastic is diverted to approved end-uses.

For a full list of participating brand owners check our website or contact us by freephone.



Look for Agrecovery stickers on participating drums.



DID YOU KNOW?

Burying waste produces leachate, where water and other liquids pick up heavy metals, herbicides, pesticides or undesirable nutrients, and decomposing organic waste. This leachate can potentially affect aquatic life and/or farm stock. Buried materials can also work their way to the surface over time, be uncovered by ploughing, or be washed away by land movement or floods.

Life Cycle Analysis for the Management of Waste Farm Plastics and Economic Analysis of Waste Farm Plastic Management Options 2003

Join over 10,000 farmers and growers using Agrecovery services!

Agrecovery membership is free. You become a member by registering on our website or when you first visit a collection site or make a booking.

Using your membership number gives easy access to all services and enables you to update your contact information or run a report of your recycling activity.

We'll also keep you informed of any programme improvements or news, such as site changes or upcoming collections. (You can opt out of contact at any time.)