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# Triple Rinsing Guide

Triple rinsing empty containers prior to disposal is recommended agricultural practice worldwide and has been shown to remove 99.99% of residues.<sup>\*</sup>

#### Follow these simple steps:

- 1. Always wear appropriate protective personal equipment for the chemical with which you are working.
- 2. Fill the container 30% full with clean water.
- 3. Screw the lid on tightly and then shake the container vigorously.
- 4. Drain the rinse water from the container. See disposal options below for rinsate.
- 5. COMPLETE THE PROCESS THREE TIMES.
- 6. Store container upside down in a dry place until it can be recycled.

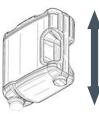
#### For effective triple rinsing, face the container in a different direction for each rinse as below:



RINSE 2

**RINSE 3** 







#### Tips:

- Shake the container about twice per second for 30 seconds over a distance of about 10 15 cm.
- Rinse the lid and outside of the container particularly around the threads and neck.
- When draining rinsate, tip the container to ensure no liquid is trapped inside the container handle.
- Research shows triple rinsing with the container 30% full of water is 120 times more effective than 20% full.

#### Recommended disposal of rinse water (rinsate)

Ag-chems: Incorporate rinsate into dilution calculations and add to spray tank or sprayer. Apply as per normal.

**Animal Health:** Spread rinsate from drenches, dips and other animal health products on to waste ground, away from watercourses, desirable vegetation and tree roots. Keep livestock and domestic animals out of these areas for the withholding period of the product concerned. Do not allow puddles to form, as these may lead to groundwater contamination or be attractive to wildlife.

**Dairy Hygiene Rinsate:** Detergents can be rinsed out into the wash tub for the next milking machinery clean. (acid rinsings in acid wash, alkali rinsings in alkali wash, etc).

\*www.ECPA.eu 2006

## AGRECOVERY Rural Recycling Programme

# Cleaning and Recycling

### **Cleaning Tips**

The following information will help to ensure difficult-to-clean containers can be accepted:

Suspension concentrates	<ul> <li>Rinse container immediately after use to ensure any chemical residue doesn't dry.</li> <li>Use methylated spirits to remove dried residue. If that doesn't work fill the container with water, soak for 24 hours before rinsing.</li> </ul>
Oil based chemicals (ULV's, LV's)	• Follow the specific instructions on the product label or contact the manufacturer for further assistance.
Other chemical residues	<ul> <li>Rinse container immediately after use as all chemical residues are much harder to remove when dry.</li> <li>Some containers may require additional rinsing (more than 3 rinses).</li> <li>A brush or high pressure hose may be required to clean stubborn or dried chemical residue.</li> <li>Eligible containers with dirt and dye <u>stains</u> are not considered hazardous and are therefore accepted at Agrecovery collection sites.</li> </ul>

### **Recycling your containers**

Once triple rinsed & clean, there are a few simple steps to follow to prepare container for recycling:

- Please do NOT remove the label. (This allows us to check if the brand is eligible for free recycling.)
- Remove wire or plastic handles from pails.
- Discard the lid. (This makes it hard to re-use the container inappropriately and the lid is generally not recyclable.) Pail lids are recyclable and should be folded and placed inside the pail.
- If possible, puncture holes in the container to ensure all liquid residue drains out.
- Is the brand eligible for free recycling?
   YES: Container shows an Agrecovery logo, or is from a participating brand (check our website or scan the QR code for a current list.)
   NO: 'User pays' stickers can be purchased for your containers from our website or freephone.
- Check the location and opening hours of your nearest collection site on our website, via the freephone number or by scanning the QR code.





 All containers will be inspected before acceptance and you will be issued a collection receipt for your records. Recycling reports can also be downloaded from our website.