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# ***ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE TO OFFER FREE RECYCLING PROGRAM FOR AGRICHEMICAL CONTAINERS***

SPRINGFIELD, IL – The Illinois Department of Agriculture (IDOA) encourages farmers and agrichemical facilities to take part in a free agrichemical container recycling program. Beginning in the middle of July and continuing into August, sites throughout the state will collect containers that are recycled to make shipping pallets.

“This annual program provides a convenient way for farmers and agrichemical facilities to dispose of empty pesticide containers,” **said IDOA Director Jerry Costello II.** “Containers that would otherwise end up in the garbage can be taken to the nearest collection site instead.”

Metal and household pesticide containers are not eligible for the recycling program. Collection sites will accept only high-density polyethylene, #2 plastic agrichemical containers that are clean and dry. Participants are responsible for rinsing them and removing all caps, valves, metal, labels, booklets and foil seals. Participants are also responsible for cutting off the top and bottom of plastic drums and cutting the side of the drum from top to bottom.

Mini-Bulk and Intermediate Bulk containers can be recycled via the Department’s container recycling program by making the following container preparations: Mini Bulk (cage) containers are required to be cut into separate top, bottom and sides, fittings discarded (no metal, no wood) (6 slabs of plastic). Intermediate Bulk Containers are to be cut in to 1-foot square pieces, fittings discarded (no metal, no wood). G. Phillips and Sons, LLC is offering services to pick up Mini-Bulk and Intermediate Bulk containers throughout the year. Call 678-232-6047 to learn more about their Mini-Bulk and Intermediate Bulk container collection service.

The program is a cooperative venture between the Illinois Department of Agriculture, Agriculture Container Recycling Council, GROWMARK, Inc., Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association, G. Phillips and Sons, LLC, Illinois Farm Bureau, and University of Illinois Extension.

To obtain a free brochure about the program, call the Illinois Department of Agriculture toll free at 1-800-641-3934.

The collection sites and dates for the 2024 Pesticide Container Recycling Program are as follows:

**Permanent collection sites:**

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| **County** | **Location** | **City** | **Contact** | **Phone #** |
| Pike | Logan Agri Srv, Inc. | Griggsville | Troy Kennedy | (217) 833-2375 |
| Lawrence | Klein Flying Service | Lawrenceville | Ryan Klein | (812) 890-6685 |
| White | Klein Flying Service | Carmi | Bri Klein | (812) 890-8605 |

## Single Day Collection Sites:

**AM** Site hours are 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

# ***PM*** Site hours are 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

\*\*\* Site hours are 8 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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| **Date/Time** | **Location** | **Contact** |
| 07/17 **PM** | Southern FSPulaskiPulaski County | Ryan Moss(618) 845-3333 |
| 07/18 **\*\*\*** | Bockhorn Ag, IncSpartaRandolph County | Justin Bockhorn618) 443-3905 |
| 07/18 **PM** | Gateway FSWaterlooMonroe County | Tim Keller(618) 939-8237 |
| 07/19 **AM** | Nutrien Ag Sol, Inc.New BadenClinton County | Jeff Haas(618) 588-3525 |
| 07/19 **PM** | Irvington Elevator CoIrvingtonWashington County | Steve Seidel(618) 249-6206 |
| 07/22 **AM** | Effingham EquityMontroseEffingham County | Andy Meinhart(217) 342-3123 |
| 07/22 **PM** | Nutrien Ag Sol, Inc.VandaliaFayette County | Randy Goodman(618) 283-1263 |
| 07/23 **AM** | M & M Service CoGirardMacoupin County | Brian McKinney(217) 627-2151 |
| 07/23 **PM** | Effingham EquityPanaChristian County | Andy Meinhart(217) 342-3123 |
| 07/24 **AM** | Wabash Valley Srv CoElleryWayne County  | Kent Ochs618-516-1697 |
| 07/24 **PM** | Southern FS MulkeytownFranklin County | Jeff Brown(618) 724-2454 |
| 07/25 **AM** | Prairieland FS, Inc.GreenviewMenard County  | Chuck Ranson(217) 968-2282 |
| 07/25 **PM** | Sunrise FSVirginiaCass County | Zach Witherell(217) 836-0763 |
| 07/26 **AM** | United Prairie, LLCTolonoChampaign County | Greg Cahill(217) 480-7142 |
| 07/26 **PM** | Nutrien Ag Sol, Inc.OnargaIroquois County | Todd Miller(815) 268-4428 |
| 07/29 **AM** | Chem-Gro, Inc.BowenHancock County | Todd Nelson(217) 842-5514 |
| 07/29 **PM** | Nutrien Ag Sol, Inc.BlandinsvilleMcDonough County | Travis Weaver(309) 652-3694 |
| 07/30 **AM** | Prairieland FS, Inc.RushvilleSchuyler County | Derek Prather(217) 322-2028 |
| 07/30 **PM** | West Central FSOrmondeWarren County | Brian McMillen(309) 255-5102 |
| 07/31 **AM** | Earlybird Feed & FertDeer CreekTazewell County | Karmon Gudeman(309) 620-1440 |
| 07/31 **PM** | Ag-land FS, Inc.Hanna CityPeoria County | Jarret Summers(309) 565-4315 |
| 08/01 **AM** | Chebanse AgChebaneseKankakee County | Dean Schafer(815) 697-2392 |
| 08/01 **PM** | Nutrien Ag Sol, Inc.SauneminLivingston County | Eric Green(815) 832-4491 |
| 08/02 **AM** | Grainco FS, Inc.LostantLaSalle County | Albert Gutierrez(815) 368-3215 |
| 08/02 **PM** | Helena Agri EnterprisesTolucaWoodford County | Steve Miller(815) 452-2377 |
| 08/05 **AM** | Helena Agri EnterprisesKirklandDeKalb County | Gary Hopkins(815) 522-3251 |
| 08/05 **PM** | CHS Inc.Maple ParkKane County | Paul Ramm(630) 247-8882 |
| 08/06 **AM** | Conserv FS, Inc.MarengoMcHenry County | Brett Wolter(815) 568-7211 |
| 08/06 **PM** | Conserv FS, Inc.RockfordWinnebago County | Mike Webb(815) 703-4612 |
| 08/07 **AM** | Pearl City Elevator, Inc.DakotaStephenson County | Lucas Hagemann (815) 541-8642 |
| 08/07 **PM** | Carroll Srv Co.MilledgevilleCarroll County | Riley Warnken(815) 225-7101 |

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