SOP

Disposing of Product

Unwanted or expired certified handler products and empty containers

Key point: do not burn, bury, tip out or dilute product on the farm. Book unwanted or expired product through the Agrecovery Chemicals programme, and recycle clean empty containers through Agrecovery.

What are you getting rid of?

Product still in the container	Empty container
Agrecovery Chemicals programme Includes unwanted, expired and unknown contents. Book it in and keep it secure until collection.	**Agrecovery container recycling** Triple rinse it clean inside and out, then take it to a collection site or book a drum collection.

What is allowed?

ALLOWED	**Agrecovery collection or a specialist waste service** Treated so it is no longer a hazardous substance, or exported as waste.
ONLY IF CLEAN	**Reusing or recycling an empty container** Only once rinsing has taken residues below the hazard threshold. Otherwise make it unable to hold anything and dispose of it as you would the product.
NOT ALLOWED	**Dilute and tip out, or send to landfill or sewer** Diluting does not count as treatment. Landfill and sewer only count if the substance stops being hazardous. Burning and burying harm health and the environment.

Getting containers ready for Agrecovery

0 to 60 L (plastic)

- Empty, triple rinsed and free of residue inside and out
- Lid off. It can be folded and put inside a pail
- Wire or plastic handles off pails
- Label left on. Store upside down

61 to 1000 L, including IBCs (plastic or steel)

- Empty, triple rinsed and free of residue inside and out
- Bung in
- Label left on. Store on its side
- Book a collection

Participating brands are free. Other brands are charged, for example $2 + GST per 10 L container. All containers are inspected before they are accepted. Over 300 containers: ask about direct collection.

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Booking product for disposal

1 List it
Chemical name, manufacturer, pack size, remaining contents and container condition. List unknowns as unknown.

2 Register
Join Agrecovery if needed and send in the form online, by post, by email or by phone.

3 Confirm
Agrecovery confirms any cost, and whether it is on-farm or a collection point. You then decide what to keep booked.

4 Hold it safely
Keep it locked, labelled and separated. Containers must be undamaged, not leaking and properly segregated.

5 Hand it over
Taking it yourself? Follow the transport SOP. Damaged or large loads: ask about on-farm collection.

6 Record it
In your tracking record: how much, how, when and where. Keep it for 3 years after disposal.

Collection rounds vary by region and can have quotas and closing dates, so book early. Funding varies too. **0800 247 326**

Triple rinsing

1. Wear your PPE. Empty the container into the spray tank and let it drain.
2. Fill about a quarter full with clean water. Close it and shake well.
3. Pour the rinse water into the spray tank and let it drain.
4. Do this three times. Check it is clean inside and out, then drain and dry.

Rinse while mixing so the rinse water goes on the crop as part of the spray. Check the Agrecovery triple rinsing guide and the product label.

If something goes wrong

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Fire, injury or uncontained spill	National Poisons Centre, 24 hours	WorkSafe, if a notifiable event

1. Stop, move people away and keep others out of the area.
2. Follow the first aid steps on the label and SDS straight away.
3. Contain spills and stop them reaching drains or waterways. Do not hose them away.
4. Leaking or damaged container? Do not move it without advice. Call Agrecovery about collection.
5. Tell your employer. Notify WorkSafe if it is a notifiable event.

Summary only. Check the label, SDS and Agrecovery's current criteria: Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017; Agrecovery acceptance criteria and chemical programme information; WorkSafe tracking guidance; National Poisons Centre.