SOP

Disposing of VTAs

Surplus bait, old product, containers and carcasses

Key point: do not tip out, burn, bury or bin VTAs unless the label says so. Securely contain them, with the label and SDS, and take them to a disposal facility approved by your local authority.

What are you getting rid of?

OLD OR EXPIRED	**Old, expired or used VTA** Securely contained, with the label and SDS, to an approved disposal facility or chemical waste company. Certified handlers receive it where required.
PACKAGING	**Contaminated bags, packaging and equipment** Securely contained, such as in paper bags, with the label and SDS, to an approved disposal facility.
FRESH SURPLUS	**Good bait you can still use** Store it in the original packaging, or pass it only to an authorised user, with the label and SDS.
NEVER	**Re-using a VTA container for anything else** Never, for any purpose. Keep empties secure until they are disposed of.

What is allowed?

ALLOWED	**Treated so it is no longer hazardous, or exported as waste** This is what an approved facility or waste company does for you.
LABEL ONLY	**On-site disposal** If getting it to a facility is impractical or unsafe, follow the label's disposal instructions, and your council's rules.
NOT ALLOWED	**Dilute and tip out, or send to landfill or sewer** Diluting is not treatment. Landfill and sewer only count if the substance stops being hazardous.

Carcasses and uneaten bait

Collect

Collect carcasses and uneaten bait where practical, wearing PPE.

Follow the label

Some 1080 labels say burn carcasses or bury them at least 600 mm deep.

If you cannot collect

Keep dogs and stock out until carcasses are no longer a risk, and warn pet owners.

Next page: disposal steps, cleaning equipment, records, and what to do if something goes wrong

Step by step

1 Talk it through
Discuss disposal methods and hazards first. Read the label and SDS.

2 Gear up
Wear PPE as the label requires. Have washing gear and any antidote on hand.

3 Find the facility
Ask your local authority or a chemical waste company. Book it before you move anything.

4 Contain it
Sealed and undamaged, with the manufacturer's label and SDS.

5 Transport it
Follow the CSL transport SOP. Stay in control of it until it is handed over.

6 Record it
How much, how, when and where, on the Tracking Sheet. Keep it for 3 years.

Cleaning up

Equipment and vehicles
Wash where run-off will not reach any watercourse. Triple rinse before refilling.

PPE
Decontaminate gear. Never wash it with household clothing. Dispose of disposable PPE as the manufacturer says.

You
Remove PPE and wash before eating, drinking, smoking or using the toilet.

Does Agrecovery take it?

Agrecovery runs a chemical collection for rural properties. Ask whether it takes your VTA before you book. **0800 247 326**

If it does, list the product, pack size, contents and condition, and it will confirm any cost and collection point.

Check your local rules

Regional council and local authority rules apply to VTAs, containers, equipment and carcasses, including discharge consents to air or water.

If something goes wrong

111	0800 764 766	0800 030 040	0800 76 88 45
Fire, injury or major spill	National Poisons Centre, 24 hours	WorkSafe, notifiable events	Environment Southland pollution

1. Stop, move people away and keep others out. Call for help before you get involved.
2. Poisoning suspected: get medical help straight away and follow the SDS first aid. Most VTAs have no antidote, and cyanide has none.
3. Have the label or SDS ready for the Poisons Centre or emergency services.
4. Follow your emergency plan. Contain spills, keep them out of water, and tell your employer or CSL holder.

Summary only. Check the label, SDS, your licence, certificate and any permission conditions: Adroit Solutions VTA manual; Hazardous Substances (Disposal) Notice 2017; 1080 product label; Agrecovery programme information; National Poisons Centre.