SOP

Old or Unwanted VTAs

What to do with VTAs you no longer need or cannot use

Key point: do not leave old VTAs at the back of the shed. They break down over time, and some give off toxic gas. They still need a CSL holder and a lock until they are gone.

Can you still use it?

Clearly labelled, in date, sealed, still registered and needed?

YES

Use it for its label purpose
Or pass it only to an authorised user, in the original packaging with the label and SDS.

NO OR UNSURE

Arrange disposal
Do not use, mix or tip it out. Keep it locked up until it goes.

What have you found?

! EXPIRED	**Past its date, or deteriorating** Check the label. Feratox lasts about 6 months, and some 1080 pellets must be discarded 6 months after manufacture.
× USED FERATOX	**Pellets left over after use** Do not store for long. The casing breaks down and gives off toxic gas. Keep them dry and sealed, and dispose of them promptly.
! CSL OR TRACKED	**Cyanide, 1080, PAPP or other class 6.1A or 6.1B** Stays with a CSL holder or under certified handler control. Record the disposal on the Tracking Sheet.
! UNKNOWN	**No label, or contents you cannot confirm** Treat it as highly toxic. Do not open, smell or combine it. Check the ACVM register or ask the supplier.
× NO LONGER SOLD	**Deregistered or discontinued product** Do not use it. Keep it secure and arrange disposal.

Never

Tip it out
Into drains, waterways or onto the ground.

Burn or bury it
Unless the label tells you to.

Combine it
Keep products apart, in their own containers.

Give it away
Only to an authorised user.

Next page: holding it safely, arranging collection, records, and what to do if something goes wrong

Holding it until collection

Locked
Under lock and key, with a CSL holder in control.

Original packaging
Tightly closed, with the label intact and the SDS on file.

Dry
Moisture breaks products down. Keep cyanide and phosphides especially dry.

Separate
Away from people, animals, food, water and fire risks.

Off the ground
On rigid shelves or pallets.

Checked
Look regularly for leaks and damaged labels.

Arranging disposal

1. **List it**
Product name, HSR number, manufacturer, pack size, contents and condition.

2. **Find the route**
Approved disposal facility or chemical waste company. Ask Agrecovery if it takes your VTA.

3. **Confirm**
Cost, date, and who receives it. A certified handler receives it where required.

4. **Hand it over**
Securely contained, with label and SDS. Follow the transport SOP if you take it.

Agrecovery chemical collections are for rural properties, can have quotas and closing dates, and may not take every VTA. **0800 247 326**

Records and prevention

Keep your records
Tracked product: how much, how, when and where. Keep for 3 years.

Stop it building up
Buy only what you need, use the oldest first, and keep labels readable (good practice).

If something goes wrong

111 Fire, injury or major spill	**0800 764 766** National Poisons Centre, 24 hours	**0800 030 040** WorkSafe, notifiable events	**0800 76 88 45** 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; 1080 product label; Agrecovery programme information; WorkSafe tracking guidance; National Poisons Centre.