



## LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE & FORESTRY (LDAF) UNWANTED PESTICIDE COLLECTION

### **What is the Project Goal?**

To assist pesticide applicators and users of pesticides with the safe collection and lawful disposal of banned, outdated, or unwanted pesticides.

### **Who Can Participate?**

Agricultural producers, landowners, and commercial applicators can participate. Participation in the waste pesticide collection program is strictly voluntary. Those who plan to bring waste pesticides in for disposal are asked to fill out an inventory sheet (strict confidentiality of participants is maintained).

### **What Is the Cost?**

It is FREE and CONFIDENTIAL. The collection and disposal of unwanted pesticides is funded by LDAF Pesticide Registration fees.

### **Why Should You Pre-register?**

Submitting an inventory sheet is critical in helping the organization of the event. By knowing the amounts and kinds of pesticides being brought, adequate resources, storage and transportation will be available.

Inventory Survey Sheets are available from your LSU AgCenter Extension Offices and LDAF AES Offices.

### **What is Accepted?**

Both known and unknown outdated, discontinued, or unwanted agricultural pesticides (insecticides, herbicides, and fungicides). Of particular interest are older pesticides known to be toxic such as Arsenicals, DDT, Temik, Silvex, Heptachlor, Dieldrin, Lindane, Toxaphene, and 2,4,5-T, etc.

### **What is NOT Accepted?**

Fumigants and fumigant cylinders & tanks are not accepted. Products other than pesticides will not be accepted at the collection sites. Specific materials that will not be accepted include but are not limited to: explosives or ordinance materials, waste oils, paints, gasoline/diesel, medical wastes, and radioactive materials.

### **What Containers are Accepted?**

Farm chemicals in all forms and sizes of containers, (e.g. drums, wooden casks, bottles, plastic containers) will be accepted. Chemicals in deteriorated or leaking packaging may need to be over packed - please indicate condition of the container on the Inventory Form. In some cases on-farm pickup by the hazardous waste contractor may be necessary.

### **Where Will the Wastes Go?**

The pesticides are collected by a licensed hazardous waste professional and disposed of at licensed hazardous waste incinerators.

### **Where Are the Collections?**

Collections will be scheduled across the state.

### **What Can You Do to Help?**

When a collection event is scheduled in your area, fill out the inventory sheet, return (via email) to your local LSU AgCenter office and mark the collection day on your calendar as a reminder. Discuss the Pesticide Collection Program with neighboring farmers and encourage their participation. Help us spread the message about the program and its value through friends, farm and community organizations, and agribusiness associates.