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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 FS  Pulaski  Pulaski County | Ryan Moss  (618) 845-3333 |
| 07/18 **\*\*\*** | Bockhorn Ag, Inc  Sparta  Randolph County | Justin Bockhorn  618) 443-3905 |
| 07/18 **PM** | Gateway FS  Waterloo  Monroe County | Tim Keller  (618) 939-8237 |
| 07/19 **AM** | Nutrien Ag Sol, Inc.  New Baden  Clinton County | Jeff Haas  (618) 588-3525 |
| 07/19 **PM** | Irvington Elevator Co  Irvington  Washington County | Steve Seidel  (618) 249-6206 |
| 07/22 **AM** | Effingham Equity  Montrose  Effingham County | Andy Meinhart  (217) 342-3123 |
| 07/22 **PM** | Nutrien Ag Sol, Inc.  Vandalia  Fayette County | Randy Goodman  (618) 283-1263 |
| 07/23 **AM** | M & M Service Co  Girard  Macoupin County | Brian McKinney  (217) 627-2151 |
| 07/23 **PM** | Effingham Equity  Pana  Christian County | Andy Meinhart  (217) 342-3123 |
| 07/24 **AM** | Wabash Valley Srv Co  Ellery  Wayne County | Kent Ochs  618-516-1697 |
| 07/24 **PM** | Southern FS  Mulkeytown  Franklin County | Jeff Brown  (618) 724-2454 |
| 07/25 **AM** | Prairieland FS, Inc.  Greenview  Menard County | Chuck Ranson  (217) 968-2282 |
| 07/25 **PM** | Sunrise FS  Virginia  Cass County | Zach Witherell  (217) 836-0763 |
| 07/26 **AM** | United Prairie, LLC  Tolono  Champaign County | Greg Cahill  (217) 480-7142 |
| 07/26 **PM** | Nutrien Ag Sol, Inc.  Onarga  Iroquois County | Todd Miller  (815) 268-4428 |
| 07/29 **AM** | Chem-Gro, Inc.  Bowen  Hancock County | Todd Nelson  (217) 842-5514 |
| 07/29 **PM** | Nutrien Ag Sol, Inc.  Blandinsville  McDonough County | Travis Weaver  (309) 652-3694 |
| 07/30 **AM** | Prairieland FS, Inc.  Rushville  Schuyler County | Derek Prather  (217) 322-2028 |
| 07/30 **PM** | West Central FS  Ormonde  Warren County | Brian McMillen  (309) 255-5102 |
| 07/31 **AM** | Earlybird Feed & Fert  Deer Creek  Tazewell County | Karmon Gudeman  (309) 620-1440 |
| 07/31 **PM** | Ag-land FS, Inc.  Hanna City  Peoria County | Jarret Summers  (309) 565-4315 |
| 08/01 **AM** | Chebanse Ag  Chebanese  Kankakee County | Dean Schafer  (815) 697-2392 |
| 08/01 **PM** | Nutrien Ag Sol, Inc.  Saunemin  Livingston County | Eric Green  (815) 832-4491 |
| 08/02 **AM** | Grainco FS, Inc.  Lostant  LaSalle County | Albert Gutierrez  (815) 368-3215 |
| 08/02 **PM** | Helena Agri Enterprises  Toluca  Woodford County | Steve Miller  (815) 452-2377 |
| 08/05 **AM** | Helena Agri Enterprises  Kirkland  DeKalb County | Gary Hopkins  (815) 522-3251 |
| 08/05 **PM** | CHS Inc.  Maple Park  Kane County | Paul Ramm  (630) 247-8882 |
| 08/06 **AM** | Conserv FS, Inc.  Marengo  McHenry County | Brett Wolter  (815) 568-7211 |
| 08/06 **PM** | Conserv FS, Inc.  Rockford  Winnebago County | Mike Webb  (815) 703-4612 |
| 08/07 **AM** | Pearl City Elevator, Inc.  Dakota  Stephenson County | Lucas Hagemann  (815) 541-8642 |
| 08/07 **PM** | Carroll Srv Co.  Milledgeville  Carroll County | Riley Warnken  (815) 225-7101 |

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