

## DISPOSAL OF PESTICIDE CONTAINERS

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Dear Dr. Brown:

The department stated at a recent association meeting in Tampa, that turf grass operations (but not sod farms) were ineligible to engage in the open burning of pesticide containers authorized by Section 7-5.09(5), F.A.C., the Open Burning Rule.

The statement apparently generated some confusion, and some guidance may be appropriate on the proper disposal of pesticide containers that cannot be disposed of by open burning.

The containers and waste pesticides left over after an application can be classified as either solid or hazardous waste. This classification must be made in accordance with Chapter 17-30, F.A.C. before the fate of waste pesticide or containers can be determined. If the waste material is found not to be a hazardous waste (such as malathion), then the container and residues may be disposed of conventionally in a solid waste treatment system. If the waste material is identified or listed by the department's hazardous waste rule (such as parathion or 2,4, D (17-30, F.A.C.)), then the following procedures must be followed:

1. Any container capable of being rinsed out, may be triple rinsed and the rinse residue may either be properly reused in the spray formulation, or treated and disposed of as a hazardous waste. The rinsed container then may be disposed of as solid waste in a landfill.
2. Any unrinsed containers or bags or inner liners that cannot be triple rinsed must be accumulated, placed in appropriate containers, and shipped offsite to a properly permitted hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facility (hazardous waste landfill or incineration facility).

If you or your staff have any questions about these disposal requirements, please contact Robert McVety or Michael Redig of the Bureau of Waste Management at (904) 488-0300 or at the letterhead address. They will be available to present a waste management program at your March 6, 1986 seminar on Pesticide Waste Management as requested by William Nass of your association.

Sincerely,  
VICTORIA J. TSCHINKEL, Secretary  
Department of Environmental  
Regulation, State of Florida



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