

Get Rid of Waste Pesticides and Chemicals at Agricultural Clean Sweep 2001

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It's time to check those sheds, basements, or warehouses to see if you have any unwanted chemicals for disposal. Because, if you do, the Agricultural Clean Sweep Program has many disposal opportunities for you in 2001. Thirty-seven counties have collection sites, so there is a pretty good chance that one or more sites are close to your business location.

The counties participating in this year's Ag Clean Sweep events are:

Ashland, Barron, Fayfield, Brown, Buffalo, Burnett, Chippewa, Dane, Douglas, Green, Iowa, Iron, Jefferson, Kenosha, Kewaunee, Langlade, Lincoln, Manitowoc, Marathon, Oneida, Outagamie, Pierce, Polk, Price, Racine, Richland, Rusk, St. Croix, Sawyer, Sheboygan, Taylor, Vilas, Washburn, Washington, Waukesha, Waupaca and Wood. Lincoln County will be serviced through Oneida County.

Ag Clean Sweep will provide its standard 50% discount for all agricultural pesticides in 2001. So, if you happen to have any old insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, fumigants, lead paint, etc, your disposal bill will be cut in half. These savings are on top of the savings that you will see by driving your unwanted chemicals to a

drop-off site. Normally waste haulers charge anywhere from \$100 to \$300 for a private party pickup. Clean Sweep can be a very good deal for businesses!

One new service Ag Clean Sweep is offering in 2001 is sludge disposal. If your business location generates sludge from loading areas or weigh-scale pits, this waste can be accepted by Clean Sweep for a 50% discount. Sludge can pose difficult disposal problems, so this option should be checked out.

To find out how much you can save by using Ag Clean Sweep for disposal, check the Clean Sweep website at <http://datcp.state.wi.us/static/arm/csweep/> where you can find the nearest county's Clean Sweep date and the county coordinator. By calling the county coordinator, they can let you know how to get your no-obligation price quote from the program's waste hauler. If you like what you hear, a location will be determined and a time assigned. It normally takes only 10 to 15 minutes to unload chemicals and complete final paperwork.

If you have questions about Wisconsin Ag Clean Sweep, call Roger Springman, Ag Clean Sweep Program Manager, at 608-224-4545.

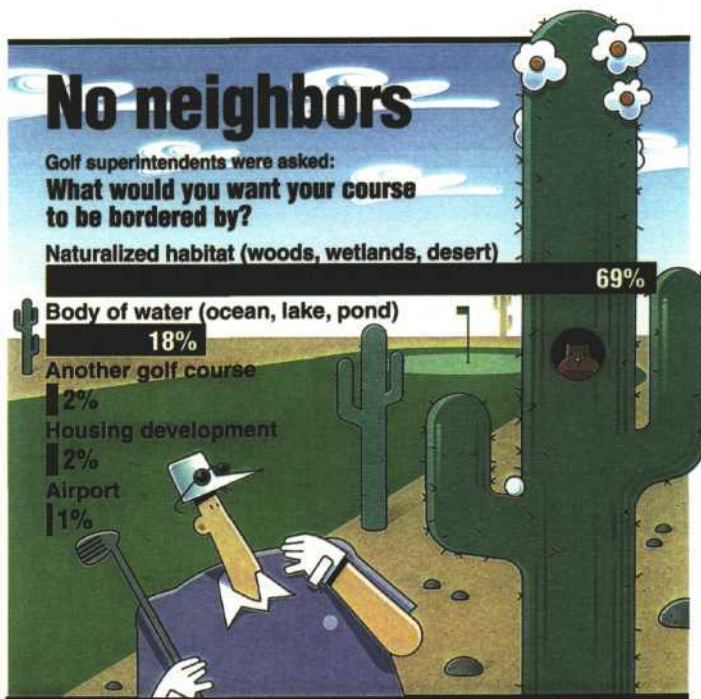
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