



PEST CONTROL OPERATOR GUIDELINES

CLEANING AND DISPOSAL OF EMPTY PLASTIC RODENTICIDE TUBS AND BUCKETS

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REGULATORY INFORMATION



- Only **properly cleaned and punctured** empty plastic rodenticide tubs and buckets may be recovered, transported and recycled. Such tubs and buckets are not classified as dangerous goods by the SA National Standard 10406:2014 **Clause 3.1.6**, but are classified as nominally empty packaging:
- **Nominally empty packaging:**
Previously certified packaging from which contents have been removed as far as possible, by means of the practices commonly employed to remove materials from that type of container, for example pouring, scraping, pumping, or aspirating
NOTE: Packaging containing residual material of division 6.1 (main or subsidiary hazard, in accordance with SANS 10228) is not deemed empty unless it has been triple-rinsed with an effective solvent, or has been cleaned by a method proved to achieve equivalent removal.
- Rodenticide tubs and buckets that are contaminated with rodenticides are categorised as **hazardous** waste and **dangerous goods**, and must be treated as such, meaning transported **ONLY** according to **SANS10231** with vehicles **licensed** as dangerous goods vehicles, fitted with the required **dangerous goods placards** and driven by drivers that are **qualified and licensed** to drive such vehicles.
- Even if tubs and buckets are nominally empty, **re-using**, **selling** or **donating** it as packaging for any other purposes is unlawful.
- Empty tubs and buckets may not be **buried** or **burned**; it is a **criminal** offense in terms of the National Environmental Management: Waste Act, 2008 (Act No. 59 of 2008) and a **terrible waste** of a valuable resource to burn or bury empty containers. Refer to SANS10206:2020 for verification of this.

THERE ARE CROPLIFE SA CERTIFIED RECYCLERS THAT CATER ONLY FOR PEST CONTROL OPERATORS; USE THEM TO DISPOSE OF EMPTY PESTICIDE PACKAGING TO COMPLY WITH THE NEM:WASTE ACT



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- Remove the LDPE liner from the tub or bucket and keep in storage for disposal with your obsolete pesticides
- Remove all traces of rodenticide from the tub or bucket with paper towel
- Puncture the tub or bucket to render it unsuitable for other purposes
- Find a CropLife South Africa Certified Recycler marked **PCOs ONLY** for disposal of triple rinsed empty plastic pesticide containers:
- https://croplife.co.za/Collectors_Recyclers
- The recycler must complete the CoDi Intel Declaration and issue a copy to the PCO as proof of responsible disposal

