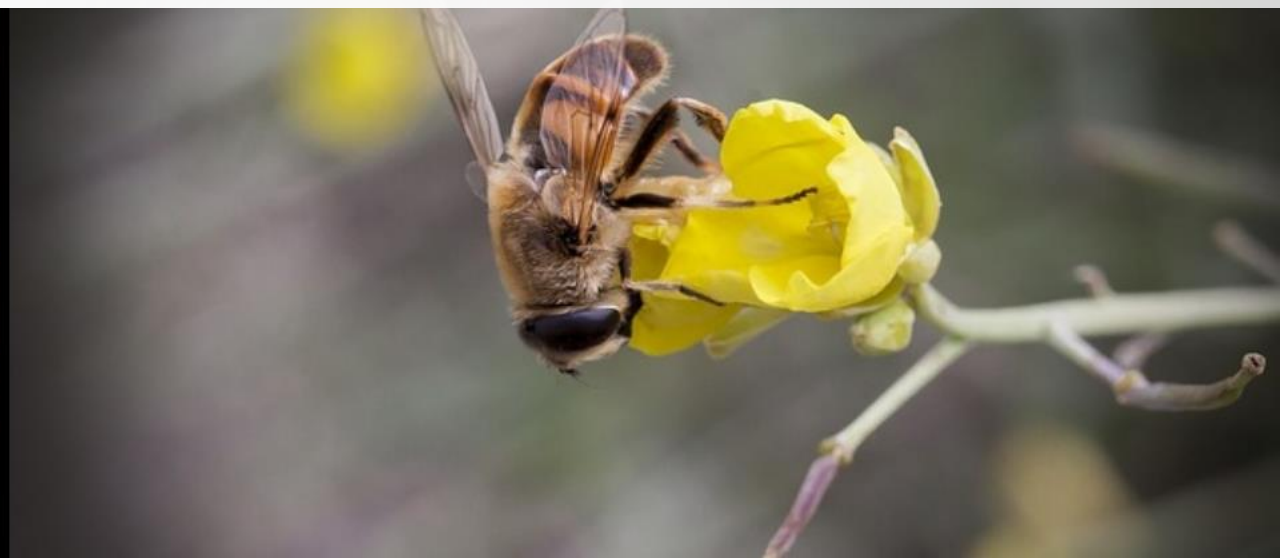




# WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME

## GUIDELINES FOR THE RESPONSIBLE DISPOSAL OF TRIPLE RINSED EMPTY PLASTIC PESTICIDE CONTAINERS

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**THE ONLY NOMINALLY CLEAN PLASTIC PESTICIDE CONTAINER IS A TRIPLE RINSED ONE! TRIPLE RINSED, EMPTY PLASTIC PESTICIDE CONTAINERS ARE NOT CLASSIFIED AS HAZARDOUS WASTE BY THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT: WASTE ACT, 2008 (ACT NO. 59 OF 2008) AND MAY BE TRANSPORTED BY NORMAL TRANSPORT AND MAY BE RECYCLED.**

***EMPTY PLASTIC PESTICIDE CONTAINERS MAY NOT BE BURIED OR BURNED ON ANY PREMISES. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO DO SO AND A WASTE OF A VALUABLE RESOURCE. DO NOT GIVE IT AWAY, SELL IT OR USE IT AS CONTAINERS FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSES. BE RESPONSIBLE AND RECYCLE THEM.***

***TRIPLE RINSE YOUR EMPTY PLASTIC PESTICIDE CONTAINER AND HAVE THEM RECYCLED - IT IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO AND IT SAVES UP TO 2.5% OF YOUR PESTICIDES THAT YOU PAID FOR.***



## TRANSFORMING HAZARDOUS WASTE INTO A NON-HAZARDOUS AND VALUABLE COMMODITY BY TRIPLE RINSING EMPTY PLASTIC PESTICIDE CONTAINERS

- 1 Drain the last of the pesticide from the container by holding it over the spray tank for 30 seconds. Rotate the container around the spout to ensure all the pesticide runs out into the spray tank.
- 2 Pour one quarter of the container volume clean water into the container. Put the lid on, agitate for 30 seconds and decant this rinse water into the spray tank. Hold the container for 30 seconds over the spray tank to allow total draining of the rinsate.
- 3 Repeat step 2 two more times; the container has now been triple rinsed successfully.
- 4 Puncture the container with a sharp object so that it cannot be used as a container.
- 5 Dry the container in full sunlight with the cap off.
- 6 Store the triple rinsed empty containers in a secure place until they are handed over to, or collected by one of the CropLife South Africa approved collectors or recyclers.
- 7 Store the caps separately in a plastic bag or drum to be collected by the recycler or collector.



## USING THE SERVICES OF CROPLIFE SOUTH AFRICA APPROVED SERVICE PROVIDERS

1	Contact one of the service providers on the list of CropLife South Africa approved collectors and recyclers. The list is available under Waste Management on <a href="http://www.croplife.co.za">www.croplife.co.za</a> .
2	Arrange with the service provider to deliver the triple rinsed empty plastic pesticide containers to their premises or to have it collected from the farm.
3	Insist on being issued with a CropLife South Africa Certificate of Adequate Disposal for the containers. It is a compliance requirement for export producers that are audited by certification agencies such as GlobalGAP.
4	Keep a record of all the certificates as mentioned above for audit purposes.
5	Refrain from using service providers that are not approved by CropLife South Africa.
6	Aim to have triple rinsed containers disposed of at least once every quarter.
7	Store the caps separately in a plastic bag or drum to be collected by the recycler or collector.

**SERVICE PROVIDERS WILL NOT COLLECT OR RECEIVE CONTAINERS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN TRIPLE RINSED. SERVICE PROVIDERS WILL NOT ISSUE CERTIFICATES OF ADEQUATE DISPOSAL IF THEY HAVE NOT COLLECTED OR RECEIVED THE CONTAINERS.**