

## **What Happens to Unusable Pesticides?**

Unusable pesticide products that are accepted into the program and delivered to a collection site are inventoried, packaged for shipping, manifested, and disposed of by a professional hazardous waste management contractor. The contractor, hired by the Department is responsible for managing the unusable pesticide from the time it is unloaded from the participant's vehicle until the time that it is destroyed by destructive incineration.

The cost for disposal of pesticide products to the department is approximately \$2.93 per pound. The cost to an individual to dispose of pesticide products through this program is \$0.00. If the individual hired the same contractor to come to their location to pick up these same pesticide products, their cost would be a minimum of \$1,000.

In order to participate in the program, you must first pre-register the unusable pesticides with the Department. It is not a violation to have cancelled or discontinued pesticides in your possession; however, it is a violation to dispose of them in an unapproved manner or to use them even for their intended purpose.

Annual collections are held in the fall of every year at several collection sites around the state.