

2004 Pesticide Container Recycling and Unusable Pesticide Collection

Container recycling

In 2004 the SDDA with the help of Cooperative Extension held major public container collections at 31 sites, over 24 days, in cities scattered through out the state. Department personnel also made private collections from retailers as necessary. Department staff was able to collect 47958 plastic jugs under 5 gallons in size or 36998 pounds. 905 plastic drums for 14775 pounds, 66 steel drums, and 99 shuttles. All plastic jugs were subsequently ground and shipped to Tri-Rinse. Drums and shuttles have been prepared for shipping and are waiting for transport.

Unusable Pesticide Collection

In 2004 the SDDA received 116 registrations form though out South Dakota those were from retailers, producers, and the public in general. These registrations totaled 27580 pounds of unusable pesticide. In September department of agriculture staff made collection sweeps around the state which were quite successful and allowed us to limit major collections to two, Pierre on October 5 and Brookings October 7. Total collected was 24576 pounds. MSE Environmental handled the two major events and packaged all materials on site. MSE prepared and shipped 28154 pounds of waste, 28074 of which went for incineration and 80 pounds (Mercury) that was recyclable.