

Container Collection Service

A service for the collection of empty pesticide containers



The disposal of empty pesticide containers today is a major concern to users, both environmentally and financially. Scotts UK Professional has the answer that over-comes all these potential problems.

The “Duty of Care” legislation under “The Environmental Protection Act 1990” has tightened the laws relating to the disposal of empty pesticide containers which are regarded as “special waste”. Responsibility for the disposal of empty containers lies with the user of the pesticide and unfortunately the three historically acceptable disposal options now have severe limitations.

OPTION 1

Burning – may be subject to certain restrictions under The Clean Air Act 1993 and may cause a statutory nuisance. Therefore requires advice from the local Environmental Health department.

OPTION 2

Burying – very careful choice of sites to avoid risks of surface or ground water pollution. Burial sites have to be marked and registered as areas containing special waste.

OPTION 3

Rinsing and disposal at a local authority land-fill site – legal, providing waste transfer notices are completed and the authorities grant permission. Usually confined to ‘clean’ bottles as defined by law, and remember the washings themselves become hazardous waste.

The only real option is..

OPTION 4

The problem is solved by using a Professional Registered Waste Disposal Contractor, who will collect, record and dispose of your empties. Employing a specialist ensures safe disposal, and guarantees full compliance with legal requirements and documentation.

Scott Professional strongly advise their customers to choose Option 4, and to encourage this choice have agreed contracts with Solway Recycling Ltd who offer a national disposal service for empty pesticide containers (UK mainland only).

Solway Recycling Ltd offer the patented ‘Solway Bin and Liner System,’ whereby customers purchase sturdy 4ft high holding bins made from recycled material to support the large, heavy duty clear polyethylene liners capable of storing the plastic from up to 200 compressed chemical containers or 100-plus large fertiliser bags.

When the Bin is full, the Liner can be removed by simply undoing the side clips on the Bin and opening out the flexible sides. The Liners are large enough to provide plenty of spare plastic to tie off at the top, and they are collected on pre-arranged days.

The waste management policy asks customers to operate within the waste ‘streams’ based on the requirements of the waste plastic re-processing industry, each of which must be stored in separate liners. These are:

- Plastic bags and packaging
- Bulk fertiliser and feed bags
- Rigid plastic chemical drums and containers

The full bags are transported to a network of consolidation plants before being re-cycled by one of the UK’s leading plastic waste processors, Centriforce, into products for the utility and construction industries, including the Stokbord cable protection covers and Centritile cable protection rolls that are used all over the world. Other products made from the re-cycled material include garden furniture and planking, used for outdoor walkways and even the Solway Recycling Bin itself.

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