

Inspection Checklist

for

Recycling Plastic Crop Protection Product Containers



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To be acceptable for recycling, plastic crop protection products containers [EPA registered products to include agricultural, turf, forestry, vegetative management, specialty pest control (excluding consumer packages), as well as adjuvants, crop oils and surfactants] must be **empty, clean, inspected, uncapped, and dry**. Follow this checklist to make sure your containers are acceptable, then compare them with the pictures on the other side.

- EMPTY:** Plastic containers must be **empty** to be recycled.
- CLEAN:** Before handling any crop protection products be sure to read the label on the package. Wear the proper protective equipment as specified on the label. Pressure or triple-rinse the container as soon as it is emptied. **Container must be cleaned or they will not be accepted into the recycling program.** Add the rinse water to the spray mix.
- INSPECT:** Immediately after rinsing the container, look **INSIDE** and make sure that **ALL** the formulation has been rinsed out. Also inspect the **OUTSIDE** of the container; particularly check that the **pour spout, the spout threads, and the container wall surrounding the spout** are free of formulation residues that flake, smear, or come off on a glove when touched. The recycler cannot process containers that have dried formulation in or on them.
- DISCARD CAP:** Caps are usually made of a different kind of plastic and cannot be recycled. Be sure to clean the cap at the time the container is rinsed. **NEVER put a cap back on a cleaned container.** Dispose of cleaned caps as normal solid waste.
- KEEP CONTAINERS DRY:** Cleaned containers **MUST** be kept out of the rain and away from rain water. Even if it otherwise appears clean, the recycler will not accept a crop protection products container that has liquid in it (the recycler has no way to dispose of the liquid). Store cleaned containers in a roofed building, an enclosed trailer, or in plastic bags.
- LABELS:** There is **NO NEED TO REMOVE** labels from cleaned containers, but booklets should be removed.
- STAINS:** Containers that originally held products known to stain plastic (e.g., Treflan, Sonalan, etc.) are acceptable for recycling if the plastic is stained but otherwise clean (containers cannot have formulation residues or any liquid in them).

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— Compare your containers with the ones shown below. —



ACCEPTABLE



Thread and lip are clean.



Stained but acceptable.



Inside of container is dry.



Inside of bottom is rinsed clean.



NOT ACCEPTABLE



Dried formulation on thread and lip.



Stained and unacceptable.



Liquid is present inside container.



Bottom is caked with formulation.

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