

DrumMUSTER

DrumMUSTER is the national program for the collection and recycling of empty, cleaned, non returnable crop production and on-farm animal health chemical containers.

One of the greatest problems facing users of crop production and animal health products is the disposal of empty chemical containers. As a chemical user, drumMUSTER provides you with a defined route to safely dispose of your used chemical containers.

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The DrumMUSTER program provides farmers and chemical users with a **FREE**, environmentally responsible, means of disposing of their empty chemical containers.

Details of the next collection day in the Wollondilly Shire, and how to prepare the containers for collection are available from Council or by visiting the DrumMUSTER website at **www.drumMUSTER.com.au**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - Wollondilly Shire Council Environmental Services Section 02 4677 1100

Wollondilly Shire Council has a collection point at Bargo Waste Management Centre. If you have a large number of containers you can make a private booking and arrange to drop them off, otherwise Council holds biannual 'drumMUSTERS' to collect containers from farmers, usually around May and October of each year.

Please note there are strict guidelines for rinsing your containers before they will be accepted. Please check out the drumMUSTER website or contact Wollondilly Shire Council on 4677 1100 to have a brochure sent out to you.

Rinsing is good management practice

Proper rinsing and cleaning are the first steps in the safe disposal and recycling of empty chemical containers. Clean containers are essential for meeting occupational health and safety standards in the recycling process.

Rinsing should be carried out immediately after emptying the container, as residues are more difficult to remove when dry.

Under current regulations in most states, containers that have not been properly rinsed can be classified as hazardous waste. Recycling is now possible for properly rinsed metal and plastic containers used for farm chemicals.

For information on procedures for draining and cleaning oil based, ultra low volume (ULV) and low volume (LV) insecticide sprays contact drumMUSTER on (02) 6230 6712 or contact the manufacturer.

Cleanliness Standards

Inspection of containers at drumMUSTER collection points is necessary to ensure that containers can be safely re-used, recycled or disposed of at authorised landfills. There must be no product residue on the inside or the outside of the container, including the thread and cap. Visible residues could be powder, flake,

coloured/dark fluid or clear liquid.

The container must have been pressure rinsed, triple rinsed or fully cleaned with a mechanical rinsing device.

The container must have been cleaned and left to dry with the cap off after rinsing. The presence of any liquid in the container will result in rejection at a drumMUSTER collection.

The threads of the container opening must be free of residues. The cap should not be replaced on the container but may be brought separately to the collection if it is clean. The container should have the labels on to provide inspectors with positive identification of the material being handled.

A signed statement by the farmer or applicator provides evidence that the container has been rinsed (but this must be backed up by other evidence of rinsing).

If a container is rejected the farmer or applicator should rinse the container back at the farm and use the rinsate to make up an application of the same chemical according to label recommendations.

For more information about the DrumMUSTER program check out the [DrumMUSTER website](#).