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Disposal of old or out of date chemicals

The disposal method of unwanted or out-of-date chemicals is dependant on the name of the product, MAPP number, formulation and age.

Products that have approval under the current legislation can be used over a crop in an approved way as a legitimate means of disposal. You can check for up-to-date approvals online at www.pesticides.gov.uk. Click on 'Databases', 'The Pesticide Register Database' and finally 'Search for products by specifying Authorisation features'. Enter the product name and/or active ingredient(s) for the latest approval information.

All the label rules apply regarding personal protective clothing and all other conditions. If part of the label is missing then check with the current edition of the UK Pesticide Guide for all approval and conditions of use. You can also call us to check details if you have problems in identifying the product.

Products that do not have a current approval should be disposed of in a safe method. It may be possible to carry out a risk assessment regarding the safety of personnel, ground water and the environment and spray it over crops or designated wasteland. Seek professional help in this respect.

Empty pesticide containers must not be re-used and disposal must be in a manner that avoids exposure to people or contamination of the environment. Full guidance is given in the Best Practice Guides called 'Pesticide Disposal' and 'Pesticide Container Disposal' from the Voluntary Initiative (www.voluntaryinitiative.org.uk) which are free to download. The Code of Practice for using Plant Protection Products is also a very useful guide and is available from the CRD website www.pesticides.gov.uk.

There is commercial equipment available that removes pesticides from water and tank washings. If you know a farmer or grower that is operating a Sentinel Disposal System, then discuss with them the use of this for disposal of your waste product. They may ask you for payment to recharge the filter if there are large volumes to dispose of. For new Sentinel systems go to www.wmec.co.uk or email WMEC at information@wmec.co.uk for further details.

Your local town or district council may have facilities for disposal and <u>www.wastedirectory.org.uk</u> will show you registered hazardous waste disposal companies operating in your area.