



Agrecovery Chemicals is a safe and simple nationwide collection and disposal system for unwanted and expired chemicals in agriculture.

Hazardous substances and other chemicals need to be disposed of appropriately in order to reduce the risk to people and the environment.

Agrecovery Chemicals provides the solution, allowing you to dispose of your unwanted and expired chemicals safely and avoid accumulating them on your property.

Protect your land and our environment through the Agrecovery Chemicals programme.

How it works:

The Chemicals programme is part of the Agrecovery Rural Recycling programme and replaces the retraction and recovery programmes previously delivered by regional and local councils.

Users of agricultural and veterinary chemicals can log their unwanted and expired chemicals with Agrecovery:

- ✓ Use our online booking system at www.agrecovery.co.nz
- ✓ Email chemicals@agrecovery.co.nz or
- ✓ Freephone 0800 AGRECOVERY (0800 247 326)

Once a certain volume of chemical bookings have been received for a region, a collection event will be scheduled. You will be notified of the location of the collection event in your region.

Specialised contractors will operate at these events to safely handle the chemicals you have booked. Some collections at your property may be necessary depending on the type of chemical.

When chemicals expire, get rid of them!

Don't leave them as a problem for the next generation.

Don't delay - book your chemicals!

Follow these simple steps:

1. Carefully assess all unwanted chemicals stored on the property and record details on the Inventory Form (found on the website).
2. Book your chemicals online at www.agrecovery.co.nz. You can also book by phone, email, fax or post.
3. You will receive a booking confirmation and colour coded stickers to place on the booked chemicals.
4. Notification of the collection event and charges (if any) will be sent to you. Payment of any charges must be made prior to the collection event.
5. Take your booked chemicals to the collection event at the specified day and time.



Safe Storage and Transportation

It is important that chemicals are safely stored at all times.

The following organisations will be able to advise you on safe storage of chemicals on your property:

- ✓ Regional or Local Council
- ✓ Agcarm (www.agcarm.co.nz)
- ✓ GrowSafe (www.growsafe.co.nz)

It is your responsibility to ensure chemicals are transported to the collection event safely.

- Check the labels on containers and follow any handling instructions. Use protective clothing and equipment such as a mask or gloves.
- Make sure all containers are securely packaged so they can't leak or give off fumes.
- Keep flammable and reactive materials separate from each other and other chemicals.
- Do not carry hazardous chemicals in the cab with you. Instead put them in the boot or tray of your vehicle, or use a trailer. Line with plastic sheeting to contain any spillages.
- Check if any containers are damaged or leaking. Put leaking containers inside another secure container and put a label on the outside describing the contents.

Who pays?

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The collection and disposal of chemicals will be funded in three ways:

- Industry funded via the Agrecovery Container programme levy (paid to the Agrecovery Foundation by participating agrichemical, animal health and dairy hygiene companies – known as “participating brand owners”)
- User charges
- Government subsidies (criteria applies)

The cost of individual bookings will depend on the type of chemical booked.

Group 1: Cost of collection and disposal met by industry

- ✓ Agricultural and veterinary chemicals sold by participating Agrecovery brand owners
These products must be:
 - Currently registered or have a registration / permit that expired less than two years ago
 - In the original container
 - Clearly labelled with the original label showing the product and manufacturer’s name and the date of manufacture and expiry

Group 2: Fees may apply for collection and disposal

- ✓ Agricultural and veterinary chemicals sold by companies who are not participating Agrecovery brand owners
- ✓ Agricultural and veterinary chemicals whose registration expired more than two years ago, including organochlorine and arsenical insecticides
- ✓ Unknown, mixed or unlabelled chemicals

You will be notified which grouping applies to your chemicals at time of booking. Any applicable charges will be notified once the collection event has been arranged as fees are affected by location, chemical type and volume in your area. Payment of any charges must be made prior to the collection event.

Due to the nature of funding, programme charges may change over time. Users will be notified of any applicable charges prior to any collection event.

Which companies are Agrecovery brand owners?

For a full list of brand owners, visit www.agrecovery.co.nz, email chemicals@agrecovery.co.nz or freephone 0800 AGRECOVERY (0800 247 326).

About Agrecovery

Agrecovery is a not-for-profit charitable trust put together by primary sector stakeholders to resolve ‘on-farm’ waste issues.

It is governed by the Agrecovery Foundation whose trustees represent:

- Federated Farmers
- Horticulture New Zealand
- Fonterra
- Agcarm
- Environment Waikato (for Local Government)



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Agrecovery is widely supported by industry and its services are provided for New Zealand’s primary sector.

Agrecovery also provides you with the Container and Wrap Recycling programmes and in the future intends to help you with the recovery of large drums.

All Agrecovery programmes are Product Stewardship Initiatives.

For more information visit www.agrecovery.co.nz



Q I've got stuff in containers that aren't labelled and I don't know what is in them – will you take them?

Yes. These chemicals will classify as a Group 2 chemical and will attract a cost for collection & disposal.

Q Do I have to book online at www.agrecovery.co.nz?

No. You may also book by phoning Agrecovery on 0800 247 326, or by downloading an Inventory Form from the Agrecovery website. Complete the form and fax it back to Agrecovery on 06 870 8137. Please ensure when phoning the 0800 number that you have a full inventory of the chemicals you wish to book.

Q Is there any limit on the amount I can book in?

No, we encourage you to use this opportunity to book all your unwanted chemicals.

Q I have received some stickers with my booking confirmation. What do I do with them?

Place the stickers on the chemical containers as indicated in the accompanying letter. The stickers indicate that the chemicals have already been booked. The stickers will be colour coded for Group 1 and Group 2 chemicals and will have a booking number printed on them.

Q Do I have to make a booking to bring in my chemicals?

Definitely. Only the quantity and type of chemicals matching your booking will be accepted at the collection event. We will not accept any extra chemical that does not correspond with your registered booking on the collection day. To add or subtract from your booking, simply amend your booking online or contact Agrecovery by phone prior to your chemicals being scheduled for retrieval or collection. Payment of any charges must be made prior to the collection event.

Q Can I combine the contents of several small containers into one large container?

Definitely not! You should never mix the chemical contents of different containers. Please register them separately.

Q I live in a town and have some pesticides that my (dad, granddad, etc) brought into town with them when they moved from the farm. Can I register them for collection?

Yes. Please follow the standard booking procedure.

Q Does Agrecovery Chemicals accept unrinsed empty chemical containers?

No. Empty triple rinsed plastic containers are accepted by the Agrecovery Container Recycling programme. For details of your local collection site and a list of eligible containers visit www.agrecovery.co.nz.

Q I have some old drums or containers in the shed, but I'm not sure if they are strong enough to be transported – they might fall apart. What do I do?

It's important to make sure that the integrity of the containers holding chemicals are sound. The container should be able to be transported safely to the collection point. If you are concerned about the container integrity, as a minimum precaution you should place the suspect container into a secure over sized drum or hazmat container. Please do not decant the chemical. You may need to arrange for specialist assistance. Contact Agrecovery on 0800 247 326 in this situation; it may be decided that an on farm collection of the chemical is more appropriate. Remember, it is your responsibility to store and transport your booked chemicals safely to the collection point.

Q How will the chemicals be collected?

When a collection event has been planned for your region Agrecovery will notify you of the collection event location and an appointment time. We have specialised contractors who will operate at these collection events to safely handle the chemicals you have booked.

Q Can I leave my booked chemicals at the collection event site prior to the collection day or my appointment time?

No. You will be advised of the collection day and time and you will have to attend with the booked chemical on the specified day at the specified time. At no time will the collection site host, accept, hold or store your chemical prior to the arrival of the Agrecovery Chemicals contractor. We will try to work out appointment times which suit.

Q What should I do if the chemicals I'm bringing in for disposal spill on my way there?

You are fully responsible for the safe handling and transportation of your chemicals to the collection event. You should take precautions to ensure that there are no spills. If there is an incident, you should contact your regional or local council for advice or contact the local Fire Service for your region.

Q Can I get a compliance record for disposing of my unwanted agrichemicals?

Absolutely! After a collection event has been held and you have returned your chemicals, you will be able to go online to www.agrecovery.co.nz and print off a compliance certificate.

Q What happens with the collected agrichemicals?

This depends on the type and nature of the chemicals. Some will be sent off-shore for destruction while others will be disposed of within New Zealand.