

# NO CHARGE PESTICIDE CONTAINER RECYCLING PROGRAM

**NEW IN 2008!**



ISA met with Container Services Network (CSN) to begin revitalization of the container recycling program in Iowa. As a result of that meeting, in conjunction with AAI, the Iowa Department of Ag, Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Iowa State University, a new pesticide container recycling program was initiated. The program includes recycling of all plastic crop protection containers up to 55 gallon drums **at no charge**.

The Ag Container Recycling Council (ACRC at [www.acrecycle.org](http://www.acrecycle.org)) is the national organization that coordinates the pesticide container recycling program. TRI-rinse, the firm which previously operated the collections throughout Iowa, has been replaced by Container Services Network LLC (CSN) [www.ContainerServicesNetwork.com](http://www.ContainerServicesNetwork.com). ACRC awarded the three year contract which began in 2008 to CSN. CSN will be coordinating Iowa's container recycling program.

Container Services Network will provide you with large tote bags that hold 50-60 pounds. Pesticide containers over 5 gallons do not need to be cut-up but they must be triple rinsed with labels removed per ACRC specifications and placed into the large tote bag. Containers will not be chipped at your location. **To schedule a pickup or to request bags contact Gary Glickman or Laura McKibbon with CSN at 866-225-6629.**

## ACCEPTABLE PESTICIDE CONTAINERS FOR RECYCLING

According to ACRC the following containers are acceptable for recycling:

### ACCEPTABLE



Container, thread and lip are clean



Handle and neck stained but clean



Inside stained but rinsed clean



Inside is clean and dry

### UNACCEPTABLE



Dried formulation on container



Dried formulation on thread



Bottom is caked with dried residue



Liquid residue in container



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## Triple Rinse Procedure

- Empty the pesticide into the spray tank and let the container drain for at least 30 seconds
- Fill the container 1/5 to 1/4 full with water or rinse solution
- Place the lid securely on the container. Swirl and shake the container to thoroughly rinse all inside surfaces
- For 30 seconds drain the rinsate from the containers into the spray tank
- Repeat the rinsing and draining process a total of 3 times or until the container is clean

## Pressure Rinse Procedure

- Place the empty container in vertical position to drain into the spray tank
- Push nozzle of the pressure riners through the bottom of the empty container
- Rinse for 30 seconds

Remove and dispose of foil seals, lids, labels, etc.

## CSN Pesticide Container Recycling Program for the ACRC

Container Services Network LLC (CSN) was awarded the contract from the Ag Container Recycling Council (ACRC [www.acrecycle.org](http://www.acrecycle.org)) to recycle triple rinsed pesticide containers up to 55 gallons in capacity in the Mid-West Region.

Our mission is to provide each state with services meeting their individual needs and requirements. CSN will work closely with your program directors and site coordinators to ensure the most efficient and economic methods of recycling are carried out meeting all ACRC protocols. In the event that a State or Agribusiness organization does have a recycling program in place, CSN will coordinate directly with them to recycle your crop protection containers.

### The CSN Pesticide Container Recycling Plan

CSN ([www.containerservicesnetwork.com](http://www.containerservicesnetwork.com)) will utilize its regional Service Centers to process the “whole” containers rather than chip on your site. Since we are not chipping on site, we offer year round service to pick up containers at no cost when appropriate amounts are available. **We are providing bags for the collection of 5 gallon and smaller containers.** The “bag system” will not only streamline the pickup process but also aid in site accumulation of applicators that have fewer containers. **CSN will pick up all containers covered in this program (55 gallons and smaller) at the same time.** Containers over 5 gallons in size do not have to be cut up to be accepted for recycling.



### How to Participate

1. All pesticide containers must be triple rinsed with caps and labels removed per ACRC specifications.
2. All containers 5 gallons and smaller must be in bags to be recycled. Each bag can hold approximately 50 2.5-gallon containers or 60 +/- pounds. Containers over 5 gallons will be loaded loose onto the truck.
3. CSN will coordinate with each State/Agribusiness organization and collection point to schedule pickups. Collections sites and applicators can view when their site will be picked up at [http://www.drumtracker.com/ACRC\\_Pickup.htm](http://www.drumtracker.com/ACRC_Pickup.htm). Pickups will be posted 72 hours in advance.
4. The site coordinator and contractor's agent will be responsible for inspecting and approving the condition of containers for pick-up.



CSN is a company that is comprised of 14 independent container companies with 32 Service Centers in the United States. The primary business of CSN is to provide plastic, steel, and fiber containers, container accessories, dispensing systems, reconditioning services, container tracking, and container recycling on a national basis.

If you have any questions as to how the CSN-ACRC Recycling Program works or how CSN can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.



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