



# Pesticide Control Office

## Pesticide Container Disposal

The Pesticide Control Office recommends the use of **Integrated Pest Management (IPM)** for the control of pests. As part of IPM, the use of a pesticide is sometimes necessary. Once you have used all of a pesticide product, what should you do with the empty container? To dispose of empty pesticide containers properly, follow the directions provided on the pesticide label. The directions for pesticide container disposal may differ from pesticide to pesticide.

An important rule regarding pesticide containers is:

**Never save or reuse an empty pesticide container for any reason.**

If the label on your empty pesticide container tells you to rinse the container, rinse the container three times. Do not pour the rinse water into a household drain, onto the ground, into a ditch, or into a storm drain. To dispose of rinse water; you may use it to dilute the pesticide in your sprayer or application container to the correct label mixture, or it may be applied directly onto your target site.



### **Triple Rinse, Disable, & Dispose**

(courtesy of Montana Department of Agriculture Waste Pesticide Program)

The container must then be disabled to prevent reuse. Verify with the pesticide label if the container can be recycled. It is important to **never** burn, incinerate, or puncture aerosol containers.

If you are unsure of how to dispose of a pesticide container or packaging, please contact the Pesticide Control Office.

For more information regarding IPM or pesticides, please visit us on the web at [www.GRICDEQ.org](http://www.GRICDEQ.org) or contact the **Pesticide Control Office** at (520)562-2234