

Non-Deposit vs. Deposit Pesticide Totes

Guidelines for Pesticide Retailers

This growing season CleanFARMS is making it easier for retailers to manage non-deposit pesticide containers.

CleanFARMS has been collecting smaller pesticide containers (less than 23 litres) for disposal across Western Canada since 1989. At the request of pesticide manufacturers, CleanFARMS will now collect non-deposit (also referred to as one-way) containers from 23 litres to 1000 litres in size.

What does this mean for pesticide retailers?

- One collection company for all non-deposit bulk containers, from all manufacturers
- Convenient pickup request process through the CleanFARMS online portal (<https://collection.cleanfarms.ca>)

Retailer responsibilities:

- Non-deposit containers must be kept separate from deposit containers
- A pickup of non-deposit containers can be requested once a minimum of 25 have been accumulated
- Totes will only be picked up by the contractor if they are empty (less than an inch of liquid in the bottom), and all closures/bungs are in place
- Be sure to sort pesticide containers away from other farm-use liquid containers such as fertilizers, oil or Diesel Exhaust Fuel (DEF)

A new way of requesting a pickup

Now, pickups of non-deposit bulk containers can be requested through a simple, online collection reporting system at <https://collection.cleanfarms.ca>.

Contact CleanFARMS for information on signing up online.



This is an example of a deposit tote which needs to be kept separate from the non-deposit totes now collected by CleanFARMS.

How do we tell which totes are non-deposit and which are deposit?

Good for collection by CleanFARMS:

- Non-deposit (one-way) drums, with no seals. These come in various sizes, most commonly 115 litres and 205 litres.



- Non-deposit (one-way) totes, larger caged units, sometimes referred to as IBCs – Intermediate Bulk Containers. These come in 500 litre and 1000 litre sizes

Some caged units have a deposit, so ensure only non-deposit containers are picked up by the CleanFARMS contractor!



Return to manufacturers. Do not send to CleanFARMS:

- Deposit containers that are refillable by the manufacturer.

Most deposit drums have a distinctive collar around the top and are equipped with wire seals to ensure the container cannot be opened by the farmer. Seals must be unbroken for a farmer to receive their deposit back.



Please note: collection of all bulk containers with a deposit will be managed by the individual manufacturers

- Deposit totes are made entirely of plastic and contain the same seals on the containers as the drums.

