

## > CleanFARMS' empty seed and pesticide program has returned to Ontario

**July 3, 2014**, Etobicoke, ON – A clean and healthy environment is the key to agricultural success. CleanFARMS recognizes this and is working with Ontario farmers to find solutions for disposing of various on-farm waste. To that end, the agricultural waste recycler has established a pilot program for the disposal of empty seed and pesticide bags for farmers in southwestern Ontario.

The empty seed and pesticide bag pilot program, which began in May and will end in September, offers Ontario farmers a more environmentally friendly disposal solution for these bags which ensures agricultural waste is managed responsibly and stays out of landfills.

“We have conducted several waste studies to determine what type of on-farm, inorganic waste is still being sent to landfills,” says Barry Friesen, general manager of CleanFARMS. “New opportunities and alternative solutions are being explored because of these studies.”

Collection bags can be picked up from select agricultural retailers across southwestern Ontario. Before returning them, we ask farmers to ensure their seed and pesticide bags are empty and tied. All bags will be accepted, free of charge, and collected by CleanFARMS, where they will be transported to a disposal facility that recovers thermal energy and converts it into electricity and steam for use within our community.

Farmers may return empty pesticide bags, including multi-walled paper, plastic and aluminum. Multi-walled paper and polywoven plastic empty seed bags are also accepted.

Collection sites are located at select retailers across southwestern Ontario. Attached is a list of participating retail collection sites, which can also be found at [cleanFARMS.ca](http://cleanFARMS.ca).

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<b>City</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Phone</b>
Alvinston	Wanstead Farmers Cooperative 3332 Nauvoo Rd.	519- 898-2861
Blenheim	Thompsons Ltd. 125 George St.	519-676-5446
Bothwell	Haggerty Creek 7708 Bentpath Line, R.R. #5	519- 695-9999
Brigden	AGRIS Co-operative 2352 Jane St.	519-864-1011
Brodhagen	Hogey's Farm Supply 6777 Perth Line 44	519-345-2941
Brussels	Brussels Agromart 251 Albert St	519.887.6273
Cottam	AGRIS Co-operative 8 Belle River Rd.	519-839-4861
Chatham	AGRIS Co-operative 335 Park Ave. East	519-352-0230
Dutton	AGRIS Co-operative 260 Currie Rd.	519-762-2836
Grande Pointe	Alain Lucier – Pioneer 7402 St. Philippe Line	519-360-6300
Glencoe	AGRIS Co-operative 211 McKeller St.	519-287-3434
Kent Bridge	Thompsons Ltd. 23696 Kent Bridge Rd.	519-352-6311
Leamington	AGRIS Co-operative 702 Mersea Rd 12, RR #3	519-326-7700
Muirkirk	AGRIS Co-operative 20325 Duart Rd.	519-678-3381
Petrolia	Pioneer Representative - Tim Williams 3627 Petrolia Line	519-339-6866
Plympton-Wyoming	Pioneer Representative - Brian Schoonjans 5023 Douglas Line	519-899-2880
Rodney	Thompsons Ltd. 12098 Blacks Rd, RR 2.	519-785-0420
Stoney Point	AGRIS Co-operative RR #1	519-798-3011
Thamesville	AGRIS Co-operative 1 Priscilla St.	519-692-3957
Tupperville	AGRIS Co-operative 17 Centre Sideroad,	519-627-6075
Wallaceburg	South West Ag Partners 1504 Lambton Line, RR#5	519-627-1491
Wyoming	Wanstead Farmers Cooperative 5495 Elevator St, RR#2	519-845-3301