



## Summer Update on Grain Bag Collections in Saskatchewan

### Thank you to everyone who participated in grain bag collections last year.

With your help this past year, we maintained a total collection rate of 64% across the province, despite the difficult growing season. All of the grain bags collected in this program are recycled close to home at recycling facilities in Alberta.

#### ***Additional program support: On-farm pickup for large-volume producers***

In addition to growers bringing in rolled grain bags, Cleanfarms can pick up **directly** from farms with more than 40 grain bags.

If you have enquiries about large loads, please direct your customers to [cleanfarms.ca](https://cleanfarms.ca) to see "[Western Canada Large Volume Ag Plastics & Packaging Pickup](#)" or contact [Tammy Shields](#).

## 2023 special info for grain bag collection sites

### Pickup requests

When your site has a full load of 120 grain bags, please click on the "[Collection Site Login](#)" at the top green bar of [cleanfarms.ca](https://cleanfarms.ca). Then select "Grain Bags & Twine" to complete your pickup request order.

Please use the same procedure as above to request pickup for smaller loads.

[Tammy Shields](#) can resend your login information for the Collection Site online portal upon request.

### Using the online pickup request system

- Please update your inventory online using the "Collection Site Login" as above.
- Each collection site can register up to three people. Contact [Tammy Shields](#) to update individuals who can access the system.
- Please check to make sure all contact information in the system is current and correct.
- Please also review the public [collection site map](#) to ensure your site information is accurate so people can find you.

### Interested in hosting a pop-up collection event?

Would you like to provide farmers and ranchers in your area an opportunity to bring in grain bags, twine, bale wrap and/or silage tarps on a specific day or week this fall? Contact [Tammy Shields](#) to organize a pop-up collection event at your site.

Cleanfarms supplies posters, signage, communications materials and collection bags for any pop-up collection event. All you'll need to do is set aside an area for accepted materials and help spread the word!

### Signage

If grain bag and twine collection signs were damaged due to winter weather, **Tammy Shields** will provide replacements – please get in touch!



## Resources

We know you may be asked about other Cleanfarms collection programs and what they contribute. Here's some handy info to share when asked:

- The seed, pesticide and inoculant bag (SPI) program that was a pilot over the past few years is now a permanent program that's available to all SK growers. **Find SPI collection sites** in Saskatchewan on our map. Learn more about the SPI program in the video below.
- Collections of empty large and small containers for pesticides and fertilizers are in full swing across the province until October 31. Find out where to bring them on **our map**.
- Cleanfarms is collecting unwanted pesticides and old livestock/equine medication in Southern Saskatchewan in fall 2023 and Northern Saskatchewan in fall 2024. Find **more information** on which products you can bring in and when.
- **Cleanfarms' 2022 Annual Report** shows the impact of participation in ag collection programs across the country through last year. Please check it out and feel free to share!

Want to learn more about the regulated program for grain bags or EPR in SK?

- **Saskatchewan Grain Bag First Sellers page**
- **A Snapshot of EPR Obligations on Ag Plastic**
- **Waste Reduction and Recycling, Ministry of Environment**

## Did you know?



SK farmers are using compactors to

Cleanfarms accepts empty seed, pesticide and inoculant bags across the country. Find out everything you need to know to include this material in your collection service.

compress ag plastics like bale wrap and silage film as part of Cleanfarms' pilot projects in partnership with Dairy Farmers of Canada and with funding from the Canadian Agricultural Strategic Priorities Program. Pilots are testing compactors to help reduce contamination in recyclable materials and facilitate transportation to collection sites.

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