

Hazardous Waste Collection & Disposal for Farmers

Since 1990, the Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection has provided grants and technical assistance for collecting farm chemical wastes and unwanted pesticides. Formerly known as the Agricultural Clean Sweep, this program has safely collected nearly three million pounds of chemical and pesticide wastes from both active and abandoned farming operations.

Farmers and rural property owners will be able to take unwanted farm chemicals and pesticides to the annual Cleansweep program. Abandoned farm operations may also use this program.

Wed., June 16

2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Rusk Co. Highway Shop

Farm chemical disposal under Wisconsin Clean Sweep must be pre-registered by contacting Zach Davis, Veolia Environmental Services at zach.davis@veolia.com. Pre-registration is required at least two weeks in advance of the event, including a full list of materials and prepayment/authorization. Ag producers (farmers) may dispose of waste chemicals of up to 200 lbs. for free. Waste chemicals exceeding 200 lbs. will be taken for a fee.

There will also be additional collections for electronics, appliances, pharmaceuticals, sharps, and tires. This is a great opportunity for farmers to get rid of large quantities of tires. Keep in mind that our pharmaceutical collection also includes veterinary medications and sharps from animals. There are restrictions so please call the Rusk County Recycling Department at 715-532-2167 for more information or visit ruskcounty.org/recycling.