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Project Safe Send Scheduled for July

The North Dakota Department of Agriculture is planning 12 Project Safe Send sites and is encouraging anyone with banned or unusable pesticides to schedule a trip to Project Safe Send this July.

This program is for everyone: farmers, ranchers, pesticide dealers and applicators, government agencies and homeowners. It's a safe, simple and nonregulatory program to help you safely and legally get rid of unusable pesticides free of charge.

The program accepts any pesticides (herbicides, insecticides, rodenticides and fungicides) that are old, unusable or banned. Participants can bring their unusable pesticides to a scheduled collection site. They are asked to complete a voluntary survey and inventory form. A contractor unloads the wastes for participants and collects any paperwork.

The whole process usually takes just a few minutes. After the collections, pesticides are packed carefully and shipped out of state for incineration.

People with more than 1,000 pounds of pesticides should preregister by contacting the North Dakota Department of Agriculture. No other preregistration is required.

A maximum of 20,000 pounds of pesticide per participant will be accepted. Pesticide rinse water also will be accepted at any of the 12 collection sites. The first 100 pounds of rinse water will be taken free of charge; a fee of \$1 per pound will be applied for each additional pound of rinse water.

Check your storage areas for any unusable pesticides and set them aside for Project Safe Send. In the meantime, keep pesticides locked up safely. If you have deteriorating or leaking containers, pack them in larger containers and add absorbent materials. Free heavy-duty plastic bags are available from the North Dakota Department of Agriculture.

If you would like to preregister more than 1,000 pounds of pesticides, receive heavy-duty plastic bags or have questions about Project Safe Send, contact Jessica Johnson at the North Dakota Department of Agriculture at (800) 242-7535 or jjjohnson@nd.gov.

The schedule for Project Safe Send includes stops in Stanley on July 7th and Williston on July 8th.

Flood Information

Mother Nature is wielding a heavy club this year. So far, she has given us a record snowfall, a late April blizzard with wind approaching 70 miles per hour, below normal spring temperatures and plenty of wet basements.

If you are one the many unfortunate people who have water in the basement, I suggest going to our website www.ag.ndu.edu/williamscountyextension for some timely information. The website contains both printed materials and demonstration videos.