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**Dates Set for Fall Waste Pesticide Collections**

**COLUMBIA, S.C.** –The South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) is offering South Carolina residents the opportunity to safely dispose of outdated, unusable or unwanted pesticides.

The pesticide and chemical program is open to all private, commercial and non-commercial pesticide applicators in the state, as well as homeowners. SCDA staff will be on site to monitor pesticide collection and disposal and will have final authority on acceptance of products.

* Chemical and pesticide quantities accepted will be limited to 2500 pounds of solid and 300 gallons of liquid at no charge.
* Pesticide products accepted include herbicides, insecticides, nematicides, fungicides and similar products used in agricultural production or around the home.
* Rinsate will not be accepted.
* Fertilizer will not be accepted unless it is combined or co-packed with a pesticide such as weed and feed.
* No compressed gas cylinders (metal cylinder with a valve) or empty pesticide containers will be collected.
* Collection events may be cancelled due to inclement weather and will be posted on SCDA’s website ([www.agriculture.sc.gov](http://www.agriculture.sc.gov)). Possible makeup dates will be announced at a later date.

Collection Dates and Locations:

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| **November 6, 2018 – Florence County** Pee Dee Research and Education CenterGPS address:2200 Pocket RoadDarlington SC 295329:00 am – 3: 00 pm**November 7, 2018 – Abbeville County**Abbeville County Extension Office265 Industrial BlvdAbbeville, SC 296209:00 am – 3:00 pm | **November 13, 2018 – Orangeburg County**Mixon Seed Company1438 Joe S Jeffords HighwayOrangeburg, SC 291159:00 am – 3:00 pm**November 14, 2018 – Charleston County**Carolina Eastern Outdoors4744 Highway 162Hollywood, SC 29449 9:00 am – 3:00 pm |

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