

Chapter 27

Managing Pesticides Wastes

- ▶ A pesticide becomes a waste when:
 - ▶ It has served its originally intended purpose
 - ▶ You intend to discard it
- ▶ State & Federal regulations make you responsible for the proper disposal of pesticide wastes that you generate.

Container Disposal

- ▶ **After triple rinsing**
- ▶ Return them to the dealer
- ▶ Recycle at pesticide container drive
NOT with other recyclables
- ▶ Bring them to a chemical collection drive
- ▶ Take to an approved disposal facility

- ▶ **“Storage & Disposal” section on label**



Landfill Disposal

- ▶ Any **non-hazardous** pesticide waste
- ▶ However, they are not required to accept such wastes.
- ▶ Liable for future problems
- ▶ Liquid pesticide wastes are NOT accepted

Hazardous Waste

- ▶ Classified by the EPA under the Resource Conservation & Recovery Act
- ▶ A waste is considered **hazardous** if it has:
 - ▶ certain chemical characteristics
 - ▶ poses human health problems
 - ▶ substantial risk to the environment
- ▶ Have special handling, transport, disposal requirements
 - ▶ Check with state pesticide and waste disposal agencies
 - ▶ RCRA hotline: 1-800-424-9346

