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IDAHO STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S NORTH IDAHO SPRING PESTICIDE DISPOSAL PROGRAM

Collections scheduled for northern Idaho are safe, legal and free

NAMPA, Idaho – North Idaho agricultural producers, dealers, applicators and homeowners who are storing unusable pesticides will have a safe, legal and **free** opportunity to dispose of them this May when the Idaho State Department of Agriculture conducts collections in Lewiston and Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.



Participation is free for the first 1,000 pounds of unusable pesticides per participant. Anyone with unusable herbicides, insecticides, fungicides and rodenticides should bring them to the closest collection site between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on the date and location listed below (*sorry no fertilizer, micronutrients, paint, solvents or motor oil can be accepted*):

<u>Date</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 14, 2008	Lewiston	Nez Perce County Fairgrounds
May 15, 2008	Coeur d'Alene	Coeur d'Alene Transfer Station

“These collections provide a mechanism for disposing of pesticides in an environmentally safe and sound manner,” said Victor Mason II, manager of the department’s pesticide disposal and container recycling programs.

Since 1993, the Idaho State Department of Agriculture has safely disposed of more than 833,000 of unusable pesticides. Pesticides become unusable for many reasons, including loss of potency, exposure to temperature extremes, cancellation or suspension by state or federal authorities, or growers’ decisions to change their cropping rotations or practices.

For more information about the collections, please see our website at: <http://www.agri.idaho.gov>
Or call us at (208) 465-8442, or you may also call us at the Boise office at
(208) 332-8605.

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