The New Jersey Department of Agriculture has a strong commitment to ensuring compliance with New Jersey's mandatory recycling regulations. The Department has developed and/or facilitated several economic development programs to assist Garden State farmers to recycle the plastic generated on their farm operations and reduce their solid waste disposal fees.

For additional information on New Jersey's various agricultural recycling programs, contact the Recycling Program Manager New Jersey Department of Agriculture at (609) 292-5532.

Nursery and Greenhouse Film (Year-Round)

Pesticide Containers - Monmouth

Agricultural Plastics - Mulch Film and Drip Irrigation Tape (Year-Round)

Plastic Nursery Pots, Plug trays, Flats

**Nursery and Greenhouse Film (Year-Round)** The Department administers a nursery and greenhouse film recycling program that is a model for states nationwide. Film is accepted at two regional collection sites, which each have their own tipping fees. Vehicles used to transport the greenhouse and nursery film are not required to be licensed by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as long as the used film is transported directly to one of the sites participating in New Jersey's recycling program. Film will be accepted at the Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex, in Deerfield, NJ

View the recommended guidelines for <u>bundling procedures</u>. View the <u>Nursery and Greenhouse Film Collection Sites</u>.

## **Pesticide Containers - Monmouth**

View the New Jersey Pesticide Container Collection Program Guide

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The Rutgers Extension Office of Cream Ridge has partnered with Allied Recycling of Mount Holly, NJ and the Monmouth County Board of Agriculture to promote a free recycling of plastic pesticide containers. This program is offered to agricultural, professional and commercial pesticide applicators who hold NJDEP pesticide licenses. Also, state, county and municipal government agencies may participate. One core credit will be given to pesticide license holders who follow the few simple processing steps below and bring their license with them at time of collection. Rutgers Cooperative Extension in Cream Ridge will accept non-refillable, highdensity polyethylene #2 (HDPE) containers that are no larger than 55 gallons and that have been triple rinsed.

You must make sure containers are dry inside after they are rinsed out and either cut a 6-inch slit in the bottom or drill a quarter-inch hold in the bottom of the container to insure it will not hold liquids. Lids must be removed. Foil seal also must be removed. Containers that are 30 gallon size must be cut up into 4 pieces using a sawzall, chainsaw, circular saw, etc. 55 gallon containers must be cut up into 8 pieces accordingly. Containers will not accept if they have held any type of petroleum oil product or antifreeze. Pesticide containers with any liquid or dried residue will not be accepted. No mini-bulk, saddle tanks or nurse tanks will be accepted, as they may be made of fiberglass. The New Jersey Department of Agriculture will be on-site at each collection to insure containers are prepared properly and to issue one core credit to those who qualify.

For more information, contact the following: NJDA Division of Agricultural and Natural Resources, 609-292-2242, Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Cream Ridge, or Allied Recycling at 609-832-2208.