

Pesticides disposal scheme 2015

A free scheme to help remove dangerous banned pesticides from Scotland's environment was launched on 23 February 2015. The scheme will allow those in possession of these substances to dispose of them safely and confidentially. Only selected banned pesticides will be accepted through the scheme. These fall into two general categories:

- pesticides which have been illegal to possess in any form for a number of years;
- banned or expired formulations of pesticide products which are otherwise legal to use or possess in certain circumstances.

Anyone who is, or suspects they may be, in possession of one or more of the pesticides listed below, should call the pesticides disposal scheme line on 0131 472 4187 to arrange collection.

The line is open 8.30am-4.30pm Monday to Friday and voicemail will be available outside these hours, or if the line is busy.

Exposed chemicals or leaking containers should never be touched or moved except by suitably qualified professionals.

Accepted pesticides:

- aldicarb;
- carbofuran;
- carbosulfan;
- isofenphos;
- mevinphos;
- sodium cyanide (Cymag);
- strychnine;
- Most types of bendiocarb (except legally available products Ficam D and Ficam W);
- banned or expired formulations of chloralose, especially those containing more than 5% chloralose (weaker ready-to-use formulations are still legally sold for indoor rodent control);
- banned or expired formulations of aluminium phosphide.

The pesticides included in this scheme are highly toxic and many are lethal to humans and animals, even in small quantities. Extreme caution should be exercised if searching premises for banned pesticides. Adequate lighting should be ensured, and suitable gloves worn at all times as some pesticides such as mevinphos can kill merely upon contact with skin. If in doubt, further advice should be sought before any search is carried out.

No other substances will be accepted as part of the scheme. While it may not always be possible to positively identify a substance, it is important that accurate descriptions are given when contacting the scheme operator. Waste disposal agents may refuse to collect substances if they do not match the descriptions provided.

Further information and guidance is available at:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Environment/Wildlife-Habitats/paw-scotland/what--you-can-do/pesticides/faqs>