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## **Upstate Waste Pesticide Collection Day Set**

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–The South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) is offering Upstate residents the opportunity to safely dispose of outdated, unusable or unwanted pesticides.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

The collection will take place Tuesday, May 24, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at Southern States 4010 South Murray Avenue, Anderson. For more information contact SCDA's John Stokes at 803-737-9696 or jstokes@scda.sc.gov or Ken Webb with ECOFLO, Inc., the company handling the disposal, at 336-617-2733 or kwebb@ecoflo.com.

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