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Lexington and Richland Waste Pesticide Collection Events Set

COLUMBIA—The South Carolina Department of Agriculture (SCDA) is partnering with Lexington and Richland Counties to offer South Carolina residents the opportunity to safely dispose of outdated, unusable or unwanted pesticides.

The Lexington County event will take place on Saturday, April 28 from 9:00am to 1:00pm in the main parking lot of White Knoll High School, 5643 Platt Springs Road.

The Richland County event will take place on Saturday, May 12, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the South Carolina State Fairgrounds. Enter from Gate 12 on Rosewood Drive.

The pesticide and chemical program is open to residents and farmers from any SC County. 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.
- Collection events may be cancelled due to inclement weather and will be posted on SCDA's website (www.agriculture.sc.gov). Possible makeup dates will be announced at a later date.

For more information about the collection, contact SCDA's John Stokes at 803-737-9696 or jstokes@scda.sc.gov.

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