



AGRECOVERY

Rural Recycling Programme

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The Agrecovery Rural Recycling programme provides New Zealand's primary sector with responsible and sustainable systems for the recovery of 'on-farm' plastics and the disposal of unwanted chemicals.

Local and international compliance programmes and demands from consumers for improved environmental standards are placing increased pressure on the primary sector to manage their environmental footprint in a positive way.

Established in 2005 Agrecovery is a not-for-profit charitable trust put together by primary sector stakeholders to provide a sustainable solution for these problematic waste streams.



Agrecovery currently provides three nationwide programmes:

- ✓ **Containers** for the recovery of agrichemical, animal health and dairy hygiene plastic containers
- ✓ **Wrap** for the recovery of used silage wrap and pit covers
- ✓ **Chemicals** for the disposal of unwanted and expired chemicals in agriculture

In the future Agrecovery aims to extend its programmes to help farmers, growers and contractors with other waste products, including the recovery of ground films, large drums and vine netting.

Agrecovery is governed by the Agrecovery Foundation whose trustees represent:

- ✓ Federated Farmers
- ✓ Horticulture New Zealand
- ✓ Fonterra
- ✓ Agcarm
- ✓ Environment Waikato (for Local Government)

The programme is managed by 3R Group Ltd.

Protect your property and our environment by using the Agrecovery Rural Recycling programme.

containers

The Agrecovery Container Recycling programme is an environmentally sustainable solution for the recovery of agricultural, animal health and dairy hygiene plastic containers.

Every year in New Zealand millions of containers are burnt or dumped on-farm causing significant environmental damage.

How it works:

The Container programme is financed by a levy on every litre/kilo of eligible product that participating brand owners place onto the New Zealand market. This levy is then paid to the Agrecovery Foundation. Farmers, growers and contractors can take eligible triple rinsed containers, from 1 to 60 litres, to Agrecovery collection sites for recycling.

Sites are located throughout New Zealand and all containers are inspected before acceptance. Only brands / products belonging to the participating Agrecovery brand owners will be accepted for free take back.

Agrecovery then collects the plastic containers using a specially designed mobile processing truck which shreds and delivers them to a New Zealand plastics recycling company. The plastic is processed and converted in New Zealand into a range of end uses including underground utility cable covers.

The majority of brand owners who sell agricultural and animal remedies into the New Zealand market place are committed to Agrecovery and more are joining each month.

For a full list of participating brand owners and Container collection sites visit www.agrecovery.co.nz

wrap

Over 320,000km of silage wrap is used every year in New Zealand – enough to circle the earth eight times. Wrap left lying around on-farm is a potential hazard and contaminates the farm, stock and water ways.

Recycling provides a better environmental outcome than either burning or dumping.

How it works:

Farmers can purchase packets of Agrecovery Wrap Recycling bags from selected rural retailers, wrap contractors or direct from Agrecovery (online at www.agrecovery.co.nz or by calling 0800 AGRECOVERY).

One packet of wrap bags costs \$67.50 (incl. GST) and contains five large bags, enough to recycle approximately 60 round bale wraps in total – that's about \$1 per bale.

The process is simple. As you feed out, cut the wrap from the bale and dispose of the netting, then:

✓ **Shake** the wrap to remove as much organic matter and water as possible

✓ **Roll** the wrap tightly

✓ **Stuff** the wrap into the bags

Store the full bags in a clean dry place and contact Agrecovery for collections in your area.

There are no hidden costs. All costs, including collection, are contained within the bag price.

For about \$1 per bale you can protect your farm environment by using the Agrecovery Wrap Recycling programme.

chemicals

Agrecovery Chemicals is a safe and simple nationwide collection and disposal system for unwanted and expired chemicals in agriculture.

It replaces the retraction and recovery programmes previously delivered by regional and local councils.

How it works:

Users of agricultural and veterinary chemicals can log their unwanted and expired chemicals with Agrecovery:

- ✓ Use our online booking system at www.agrecovery.co.nz;
- ✓ Email chemicals@agrecovery.co.nz; or
- ✓ Freephone 0800 AGRECOVERY

Once a certain volume of chemical bookings have been received for a region, a collection event will be scheduled. You will be notified of the location of the collection event in your region.

The cost of disposal and collection will depend on the type of chemical booked, quantity and location. Costs will be advised prior to any collection event.

Specialised contractors will operate at these events to safely handle the chemicals you have booked. Some collections at your property may be necessary depending on the type of chemical.

When chemicals expire, get rid of them! Don't leave them as a problem for the next generation.

Contact Agrecovery for more detailed information on these programmes.