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Mid Murray Council's drumMUSTER program

Developed with the environment in mind, the **drum**MUSTER program collects and recycles eligible, pre-cleaned agricultural and veterinary chemical containers.

drumMUSTER is a national product stewardship program that is supported by agvet chemical manufacturers, industry stakeholders which includes member and farming associations, state and local governments.

Working hand-in-hand with local councils and other collection agencies, **drum**MUSTER has established collection facilities all over Australia and since its inception in 1998 the program has recycled over 20 million containers.

Once the containers have been collected, they are recycled into re-usable products such as wheelie bins, road signs, fence posts and bollards.

The **drum**MUSTER service benefits both the user, the environment, industry and the wider community by providing a reliable, cost effective and sustainable option for the recycling of empty eligible agvet chemical containers.

drumMUSTER is funded by levies collected by AgStewardship, which was established to develop stewardship programs for Australia's agriculture sector, along with ChemClear meaning that the collections are free of charge at collection sites.

Mid Murray Council is now trialling an ongoing, permanent collection at the following sites:

Cadell Transfer Station

Sunday 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Wednesday 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm

Mannum Resource Recovery Centre

Tuesday 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Wednesday 8:00 am – 10:00 am
Friday 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am – 12:00 pm
Sunday 8:00 am – 11:30 am

Swan Reach Transfer Station

       Saturday 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm
       Tuesday 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Cambrai Transfer Station

       Sunday 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
       Thursday 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Collections will be held during opening times with up to 100 drums being accepted at any one time. For collections over 100 drums, a booking must be made by ringing the the Waste Team Leader on 0437 922 300 or by contacting the Council Office at; Mannum - 8569 0100, Cambrai - 8564 6020, Morgan - 8540 0060.

Eligible Containers

*drum*MUSTER is specially designed for the disposal of eligible, cleaned agvet chemical containers.

*drum*MUSTER collects eligible non-returnable metal or plastic containers above one litre/kilogram and up to 205 litre/ kilogram in declared content in the packaging of crop production and animal health products used for:

- agricultural and livestock production
- industrial and recreational pest and weed control
- forestry
- household pest control operations
- similar activities conducted by government authorities.

Participating manufacturers are identified by the inclusion of the eligible *drum*MUSTER container logo on their eligible containers. The logo can be displayed on the chemical label, embossed into the container wall or applied as a sticker to the container. Containers not displaying this logo may be from non-participating manufacturers and will not be accepted into the program.

Agvet chemicals eligible under *drumMUSTER*:

Eligible hazardous chemicals include:

- Insecticides
- Nematicides
- Plant Growth Regulators
- Fungicides
- Miticides
- Animal Health Products
- Seed Dressings
- Rodenticides
- Paraciticides, internal & external
- Defoliants
- Anthelmintics
- Herbicides
- Lousicides and Vaccines

Eligible non-hazardous chemicals include:

- Surfactants
- Wetting Agents
- Adjuvants
- Spreaders
- Stickers
- Foam Markers
- Spray Markers
- Dye
- Spray Oils
- Liquid Fertilisers
- Dairy Detergents
- Farm Disinfectants
- Teat dip
- Animal Nutrition Products
- Udder wash

Cleanliness Standards

Proper rinsing and cleaning are the first steps in safely disposing of empty agvet chemical containers.

The containers need to be triple rinsed with no visible residue remaining and lids removed.

Metal drums should have a hole punched in the bottom

For more information take a look at the **drum**MUSTER *(*http://www.drummuster.com.au/)
website: