

WSU PUYALLUP HIGHLIGHT

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Two-day pesticide collection event services businesses and residents for 16 years



(Above (left): 85-gallon drums used to overpack 55 gallon drums brought in by participants; (center) the collection site ready to receive pre-registered participants; (right) black 55-gallon drums used to overpack 30-gallon drums and blue plastic drums for bottles and liquids)

Every year, the Washington State Department of Agriculture Pesticide Disposal Program holds regional collection events to help people rid their properties of unusable pesticides. To date, the Waste Pesticide Identification and Disposal Program has safely disposed of over 1.6 million pounds (820 tons) of unusable pesticides from over 5,000 customers since the program was initiated in 1988. Since 1991, the WSDA site at WSU Puyallup has offered this service to surrounding businesses and residents. The program is available to everyone who has unusable agricultural and commercial grade pesticides. This year, Joe Hoffman, program coordinator for WSDA Pesticide Disposal Program and Roy Jensen, WSU Puyallup Environmental Control Tech II, hosted a two-day collection event outside of the big barns. Participants included pest control companies, school districts, city governments, farmers, and local residents.

WSU Puyallup has several training and educational programs on campus that work with local businesses and residents to effectively minimize the use of pesticides. The Urban Integrated Pest Management and Pesticide Safety Education Programs provide pesticide license and structural pest inspector training programs <http://pep.wsu.edu>. The Washington State Pest Management Resource Service provides a research-based website with information about pest management practices, including both chemical and alternative control methodologies. <http://wsprs.wsu.edu>

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