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New Mexico Department of Agriculture plans pesticide disposal events in October

Free community events held in Deming, Santa Rosa

LAS CRUCES – The New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) will host pesticide disposal events in Deming and Santa Rosa Tuesday, Oct. 19 and Thursday, Oct. 21, respectively. The Deming event will take place at the Southwest New Mexico State Fairgrounds South Parking Lot at 4300 Raymond Reed Blvd., while the Santa Rosa event will take place at the New Mexico Department of Transportation office at 318 West Black Street. Both events will take place from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

These events are open to agricultural producers, licensed pesticide dealers, pest control companies, golf courses, farmers, ranchers, homeowners and any other member of the community that need to safely dispose of pesticides. These events come at no cost to participate. Any and all types of pesticide, treated seed or rinsate will be collected.

Held several times throughout the state, the pesticide disposal events provide the agricultural industry, pest control industry and the general public the opportunity to properly dispose of unwanted pesticides. Most recently, NMDA sponsored a pesticide disposal event in Portales.

“We had a successful event this past spring in Portales,” said Stephen Baca, NMDA Pesticide Compliance Section Assistant Division Director. “We hope we can replicate that with our upcoming fall events. Pesticide disposal should be handled in a safe, proper manner, and that’s why these events are critical. We want to reach as many people in the state as we can with this service and hope that homeowners in Deming, Santa Rosa and the surrounding areas take advantage of this opportunity.”

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19, participants are asked to follow all proper COVID-safe practices and procedures. Staff will direct the flow of traffic and obtain information as needed. Participants should not leave their vehicles unless otherwise instructed. Face masks/coverings are required to be worn when interacting with all staff and other personnel. No registration is required to participate.

For more information on pesticide disposal events, please call 575-646-2134, email pesticides@nmda.nmsu.edu, or visit www.nmda.nmsu.edu/pesticides/.

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Cutline: Pesticide containers are collected for disposal on a trailer during a previous pesticide disposal event. The New Mexico Department of Agriculture will host two pesticide disposals in Deming and Santa Rosa Tuesday, Oct. 19 and Thursday, Oct. 21, respectively. (Photo courtesy New Mexico Department of Agriculture)



Cutline: Unwanted pesticides of all types are amassed at a previous pesticide disposal event. The New Mexico Department of Agriculture will host two pesticide disposal events in Deming and Santa Rosa Tuesday, Oct. 19 and Thursday, Oct. 21, respectively. (Photo courtesy New Mexico Department of Agriculture)