



July 18, 2006

Dear Grower:

Growers in the McKenzie and Middle Fork Willamette watersheds have a free, no-risk opportunity to get rid of old pesticides (including fungicides, herbicides, insecticides, etc.), fertilizers, waste oil (including lubricants, hydraulic fluids, brake fluids, grease and other petroleum products), mercury and old diesel fuel that may be sitting in barns or sheds. This project is funded by Eugene Water & Electric Board, Springfield Utility Board, OSU Extension Service, Oregon Department of Environmental Quality, Oregon Health Division, Lane County and the Governors Fund for the Environment and is intended to provide growers with a one-time opportunity to safely dispose of old pesticides and other chemicals in order to protect people, pets, livestock and wildlife from accidental exposure and to remove a threat to domestic wells and critical drinking water resources for over 260,000 people.

If you would like to participate in the collection, please fill out the attached farm chemical survey and return it in the self-addressed, stamped envelope. Completed Farm Chemical Surveys are **due no later than September 8, 2006**. The chemical surveys will allow us to properly plan for adequate transport and disposal of the chemicals delivered by growers. The information contained in the survey is confidential and will not be used outside of this project.

Public meetings are scheduled to help you better understand the project and timelines, answer any questions you may have, and assist you in filling out the farm chemical survey. The dates and times for these public meetings are:

- **July 25, 2006 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (or until all questions are answered) at Lowell Fire Hall, 389 North Pioneer Street in Lowell.**
- **July 26, 2006 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. (or until all questions are answered) at the Walterville Community Center, 39259 Camp Creek Road in Walterville.**

If you need help identifying old chemicals and/or re-packaging chemicals for safe transport (if containers or bags are leaking, torn or weak), check the "assistance request" box on the survey form and local fire personnel will set up an appointment to visit your farm and assist you with these activities. We also can provide you with drums or sturdy bags to use (see contact information below) if you prefer to re-package old bags or containers on your own.

The general process to participate in this chemical collection event is as follows:

1. Mail the completed farm chemical survey back to either EWEB or SUB using the self-addressed, stamped envelope included in this packet **no later than September 8, 2006**. **Return of completed farm chemical surveys are required to participate in this collection event.**

2. After we receive your farm chemical survey, we will contact you to schedule a time and date that you can drop off your chemicals at Lane County's Glenwood hazardous waste facility at 3100 East 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eugene (Glenwood). If you requested assistance, a site visit to your farm will also be scheduled at this time. **Collection event dates are October 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> (afternoon only), 20<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and November 1<sup>st</sup>.** There is no limit to the quantity of pesticides, fertilizers, waste oil, mercury or diesel that you can get rid of as part of this collection event.
3. Once scheduled, a postcard will be mailed to you confirming your drop-off time and date. You will need to present this card when you arrive at your scheduled time to drop off your chemicals.
4. Drop off your chemicals at your scheduled date and time at the Glenwood hazardous waste facility.

If you have other chemicals (paints, solvents, batteries, etc.) that you want to get rid of, you can take up to 35 gallons to the Lane County household hazardous waste collection event on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at the Leaburg Fire Station.

#### *Contact Information*

For more information on the chemical removal project and to download additional surveys or other information you can visit EWEB's website at [www.eweb.org](http://www.eweb.org) (the agriculture chemical removal project is featured on the home page). If you have any questions feel free to contact any of the people listed below:

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