SANTA CRUZ COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER

DISPOSAL OF PESTICIDE CONTAINERS

EMPTY PAPER CONTAINERS:

- **1. OBTAIN AN AGRICULTURAL BURN PERMIT** from your local fire department.
- 2. BURN ONLY ON A BURN DAY. For burn day information call 1-800-225-2876.
- 3. BURN ONLY EMPTY PESTICIDE CONTAINERS MADE OF PAPER OR CARDBOARD.
- 4. **BURN ONLY IN THE FIELD** where the sacks or containers were emptied.
- 5. BURN ONLY ONE DAY'S ACCUMULATION OF CONTAINERS PER DAY.
- 6. WEAR EYE PROTECTION AND THE RESPIRATORY PROTECTION required by the label while burning.

If you do not wish to burn the containers, they may be rinsed and disposed of with regular trash.

PLASTIC LINED CARDBOARD BARRELS can be burned after triple rinsing and removing the plastic lining. The plastic lining may be rinsed and disposed of with regular trash.

EMPTY PLASTIC, ALUMINUM, AND METAL CONTAINERS:

- 1. **TRIPLE-RINSE THE CONTAINERS**, at the time of use, according to the instructions in Safety Series A-2. All containers must be clean and dry with no pesticide residue on the inside or outside of the containers. **PESTICIDE CONTAINERS THAT ARE NOT TRIPLE RINSED ARE HAZARDOUS WASTE AND MUST BE DISPOSED OF IN A HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITY**.
- 2. Remove the lids, caps, and covers. Puncture the containers to aid in drying.
- 3. TAKE THE CONTAINERS TO THE BUENA VISTA LANDFILL WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY OR SATURDAY, FROM 7:30 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M. AN APPOINTMENT IS NOT REQUIRED, BUT YOU MUST <u>CHECK IN AT THE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS</u> <u>WASTE FACILITY</u>. An Inspector at the facility will check the containers. ANY EVIDENCE OF INCOMPLETE RINSING MAY RESULT IN REJECTION OF THE ENTIRE LOAD.
 - **ALUMINUM AND METAL** recycle the aluminum and metal containers just to the left of the main entrance. (NO FEE)
 - PLASTIC discard in Landfill. (THERE IS A FEE)

HAZARDOUS WASTE: The following are considered <u>hazardous waste</u> and must be disposed of in a hazardous waste facility. For information, call the Santa Cruz County Environmental Health (831) 454-2022.

- 1. Containers which contain a pesticide that will not be used.
- 2. Empty pesticide containers that have not been rinsed at time of use.

Buena Vista Landfill will accept small quantities of hazardous waste from businesses for a fee.