

drumMUSTER is a MUST

What is drumMUSTER?

drumMUSTER provides Australian agricultural and veterinary chemical users with a recycling pathway for eligible empty agvet 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, drumMUSTER has established collection facilities all over Australia and since its inception in 1998 the program has recycled over 33 million containers.

Who is behind drumMUSTER?

drumMUSTER and ChemClear are voluntary programs of AgStewardship Australia Limited. Its members are CropLife Australia, Animal Medicines Australia Limited, Veterinary Manufacturers and Distributors Association and the National Farmers Federation.

How does it work?

drumMUSTER is funded by levies collected by AgStewardship, which was established to develop stewardship programs for Australia's agriculture sector, along with ChemClear.

The levy was set at 4c per L/kg on participating containers. This increased to 6 cents per L/kg on 1 July 2019 after the ACCC approved the reauthorisation. This marks the first increase in the levy since its inception in 1998.

What's included in the drumMUSTER program?

Agvet containers above 1 L and less than 205 L are currently accepted into the program. There are over 120 manufacturers involved in the program.

You can see a list of these participating manufacturers at: www.drummuster.org.au/whos-involved/manufacturers

How do I participate?

When you purchase products displaying the drumMUSTER logo, you're making a commitment to sound land management practices.



The logo indicates the user can deliver the empty, clean containers to one of 814 national collection sites free of charge, as they have already paid a 6c levy per L/kg towards recycling of the container.

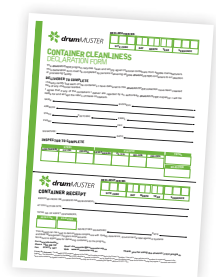


CLEAN IT

There must be no chemical residue on the inside or the outside of the container, including the thread and cap. If there is any chemical residue visible when delivering your containers these drums will be rejected. After rinsing your chemical container, it should be left to dry with the cap off which will aid in the drying process. The cap should not be replaced on the container, it may be brought separately to the collection if clean.

DECLARE IT

Your container should have the labels on to provide inspectors with identification of the container being handled. A signed statement by the farmer or chemical user at the point of the collection provides drumMUSTER with evidence that the container has been rinsed.



DOCUMENT IT

Once your chemical container has been accepted, you will be issued with a receipt which then forms part of your farm quality system documentation and should be retained as proof of disposal.

How do I find a Collection Site?

There are over 800 drumMUSTER collection sites available across Australia where you can bring in your empty, clean eligible agvet chemical containers to be collected, processed and recycled. For details on collections in your area, please use the search facility online at: www.drummuster.org.au/find-a-collection-site

What happens to drumMUSTER containers?

Processors place drumMUSTER containers through shredders, then the granules are washed and heated up to 250°C. Once the plastic mass reaches molten stage, it is cooled, then heat extruded to make small granules, which are packed in bales ready for transport to a remanufacturing plant.

Recycled plastic remanufacturers create useful products such as wheelie bins, irrigation pipes, public furniture, road markers, construction materials and garden equipment.



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