

What happens to the containers after they leave my property?

- They are taken back to the grind site and stored in large bags until the grind day in late September. The large containers are shipped to St. Louis where they will be ground by a larger grinding unit.

What do they do with the plastic after it is ground?

- It is cleaned and made into other approved products. Some of the plastic goes back into chemical containers; other items include pilings and parking lot barriers.

Who grinds the plastic containers?

- Tri Rinse, a company out of St. Louis Missouri that is hired by ACRC to grind for the mid-west states. ACRC is a company that is supported by the chemical manufacturers that organizes container grinding throughout the nation.

Why is this program free to me (the end user)?

- The chemical manufacturers pay for the program through ACRC dues and participation fees. Other costs are absorbed by proactive companies like Turfgrass Inc. so that the program will be a success. Grant money was attained for the spray nozzles through the MDA.

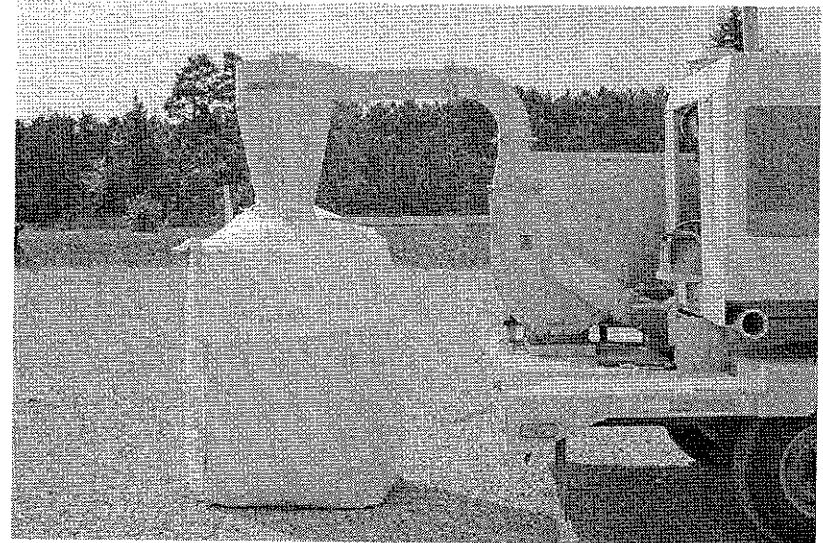
Why has the program been so successful?

- The main reason for the success is because it is a simple program, easy to join and participate in. Also because the turf industry has proven that it wants to do the right thing for the environment so they join and actively participate.

Who is responsible for the success?

- A lot of people: Turfgrass Inc. Board & employees, MDA, MTF, MTEBP, ACRC, Tri Rinse, Chemical Manufactures, and especially you, the turf industry professional.
Thank You All!!!

Michigan Agricultural Container Recycling Program



**It's easy to join and participate in.
Help keep plastic out of our landfills,
help protect the groundwater and the
environment for our future
generations.**

How do I join the program?

- Simply sign up by contacting Turfgrass Inc. at 1-800-521-8873 let them know where you are located and they will put you in contact with the proper representative to assist you with sign up and any further questions.
- Order your spray nozzle
- Clean your containers properly
- Call Turfgrass inc. to get your containers picked up.

Who can participate in the recycling program?

- Anyone in the state of Michigan Turfgrass Industry.

What do I need the spray nozzle for?

- You don't have to get a spray nozzle but they do make cleaning the containers easier. The cost of the spray nozzle will be reimbursed from a grant through the MTF.

Can I still participate if I am not a Turfgrass Inc. customer?

- Yes. The only thing different is that you will have to arrange an appointment for inspection and deliver them to one of there 3 locations.

How often should I get my containers picked up?

- As soon as you get them clean. Call Turfgrass Inc and let them know that you have containers to be picked up. They need the containers at the grind sites for when the grinder shows up.

What size containers are collected?

- All plastic containers are collected. Basically; if it is sold, it will be picked up and recycled, as long as it is clean.

What is the easiest way to clean the smaller containers?

- Puncture the container with the spray nozzle, hold the container over your spray tank and run water until it is clear, make sure the outside is clean also.

Do I need to do anything different to the big containers?

- Yes, for the 30 gallon and 55 gallon drums they need to have the tops cut off for inspection. Once this is done, clean the top and we will take that back also.

Why were my containers left behind?

- Usually only 2 reasons – They were not clean enough (clean them better and they will be taken) or the driver could not find them (call back and let them know the location).

I've never heard of this program, is it new?

- It is relatively new; the program began in 2005 up in northern Michigan. In 2006 it expanded throughout the state on a limited basis. In 2007 the program went statewide open to all turf industry facilities.

Has the program had any success?

- It sure has, in 2005 we collected 900 Lbs from the turf industry and in 2006 we collected 12,821 Lbs for the whole state. The Gaylord grind site ended up being the number one grind site in the state (including ag.) with 11,143 Lbs.

