



Plant Health Protection Update

- The Nebraska Department of Agriculture (NDA) has recently updated the Nebraska Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Directory as a service to help Nebraska homeowners properly dispose of outdated or otherwise unwanted pesticide product. Please note that most of these collection sites do not accept business or agricultural products. Please contact the site directly, if there are questions about what is and is not accepted. The Nebraska HHW Directory can be found at: bit.ly/NEhhwlist
 - Also, see [EPA's Storage and Disposal Guidance](#) for household consumers, farmers, registrants, dealers, and commercial applicators.
- Commercial specialty crop growers and all outdoor pesticide applicators are encouraged to use DriftWatch, an online map registry for displaying specialty crops to reduce incidence of pesticide drift. See the fact sheet at bit.ly/NDADWinfo for more information for both growers and applicators.
- Homeowners and acreage owners who use pesticides are encouraged to watch this short video with [Tips for Proper Pesticide Application](#), in order to protect yourself and the environment. In addition, the National Pesticide Information Center (NPIC) provides objective, science-based information about pesticides, and pesticide-related topics to enable people to make informed decisions about pesticides and their use. This site contains podcasts, fact sheets, mobile apps and more concerning health and safety, pest control, pesticide ingredients, regulations, and the environment. Visit NPIC at npic.orst.edu.
- NDA recommends homeowners work with licensed pesticide applicators when considering whether to hire a pest control service. Pesticide applicators who treat structural pests and lawn/ornamental pests must be licensed by NDA. The following UNL Extension publications offer practical advice for the homeowner considering the need to hire a commercial pest control business:
 - [How to Select a Pest Control Company](#)
 - [Selecting a Lawn Care Company](#)

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