

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS

STEWARDSHIP
SCHEME



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS STEWARDSHIP SCHEME: VICTORIAN PILOT

The National Agricultural Plastics Stewardship Scheme is working to develop a viable market to recycle agricultural plastics, similar to other stewardship programs such as drumMUSTER.

The Sunraysia and Loddon regions have been selected to pilot an approach to improve the collection and recycling of selected plastics due to the intensity and diversity of agricultural production.

WHY RECYCLE AGRICULTURAL PLASTICS?

Agriculture, fisheries and forestry produce a large and diverse amount of plastic waste. The disposal of this waste often involves harmful practices that can pollute our environment.

Recycling of agricultural plastics in Australia is currently low due to challenges including contamination on-farm, limited collection options, and long transport distances to recyclers.

There is an opportunity to turn old plastic products back into new ones – reducing waste and saving money.

WHAT PLASTICS ARE INCLUDED IN THE VICTORIAN PILOT?

The target plastic types include table grape covers and irrigation tube from horticulture and grain silo bags from broadacre cropping.

WHERE WILL THE VICTORIAN PILOT OPERATE?

The pilot will operate across the Sunraysia and Loddon regions with collection sites in Mildura, Swan Hill and Ouyen.



WHERE DO I TAKE MY PLASTIC WASTE?

You can drop-off your old grape covers, irrigation tube and grain bags at:

Mildura Rural City Council landfill

15 Scherger Dr, Mildura VIC 3500

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays 8:15am-4:45pm
from 31 May 2022

Swan Hill Rural City Council landfill

6859 Sea Lake-Swan Hill Rd, Swan Hill VIC 3585

Thursdays 8:30am-11:30am
from 14 June 2022

North West Ag Services

101 Farrell St, Ouyen VIC 3490

The first Wednesday of each month from 14 June 2022
from 3:00pm-5:00pm with a BBQ and networking opportunity.



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HOW DO I PREPARE MY PLASTIC SO THEY ARE ACCEPTED AT THE COLLECTION SITE?

Grape covers, irrigation tube and grain bags need to be clean and rolled to be eligible for the pilot. Follow these simple steps:

Step 1: Separate plastic

Step 2: Shake or brush off excess dirt and plant matter

Step 3: Tightly roll or coil the plastic

Step 4: Drop-off plastic at your local collection site.

Retrieval equipment will be made available to assist in the preparation of your irrigation tube and grain bags.



HOW LONG WILL THE PILOT RUN?

The pilot will only accept grape covers, irrigation tube and grain bags between May and October 2022. After this time, a broader scheme will be developed with the potential to collect agricultural plastics in the region.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF RECYCLING MY PLASTIC IN THE VICTORIAN PILOT?

During the pilot, it will be free to drop-off your old grape covers, irrigation tube and grain bags for recycling at one of the three convenient collection sites.

Additional fee-for-service farm collection can be arranged for large amounts of agricultural plastic. Please contact us to discuss further using the details below.

WHO WILL IMPLEMENT THE PILOT?

The pilot is being led by agricultural consultancy RMCG along with a range of partners and local businesses across the Sunraysia and Loddon region.

WHERE CAN I GET FURTHER INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE?

Please contact Carl Larsen (RMCG): 03 5441 4821 or visit rmcg.com.au/agplasticpilotvic

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