

Conservation Corner

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The residue from pesticides that leak from un-rinsed, discarded containers has the potential to cause significant damage to our environment. Therefore, containers should be rinsed immediately after use. If left in the container to dry, the residue becomes more difficult to remove. So, make it a little easier on yourself and go ahead and rinse it out right after you use it.

Since these containers have contained a commercial, hazardous material, it is illegal to dispose of them in landfills, recycling bins or incinerators. The only acceptable place to take them for disposal is to a hazardous waste facility. While this can be costly and time consuming, there is another option.

The most commonly used method is triple rinsing.

When emptying a liquid pesticide from its container, wait until the flow reduces to drops. Continue draining for a minimum of 30 minutes after the drops start. Add the correct amount of water according to the size of the container: containers up to 5 gallons require an amount equal to at least one quarter of its volume; 30- to 55-gallon containers require a minimum of 5 gallons of water. Once water is added, secure the lid on the container and vigorously shake smaller container. Larger containers should be rolled or tumbled in such a manner as to rinse all interior surfaces. Remove the lid and drain into spray tank. Continue draining for 30 seconds after drops start. Repeat this rinse process two more times. Replace lid and dispose of container.

Pressure rinsing takes less time but requires the purchase of a special nozzle. This rinsing method can be done as the pesticide is emptied into the spray tank. The special nozzle attaches to a garden hose and is used to puncture plastic and metal containers. Insert pressure nozzle by puncturing lower side of container. The nozzle produces a forceful spray inside the empty container and should be rotated to ensure that all interior surfaces are properly rinsed. Rinse for length of time recommended by the manufacturer – usually 30 seconds. Container lid should be rinsed separately and placed back onto the container for disposal.

If properly prepared before disposal, the containers are then considered to be non-hazardous by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Proper preparation includes either triple rinsing or pressure rinsing. Laboratory studies concluded that these methods resulted in less than 1 part per million



Finances before, and after, the wedding

Dear Dave,
I'm getting married this summer, and I'm on Baby Step 4 of your plan. My financial situation is getting on board with your advice, too, and she's currently in the process of paying down her student loan debt. Would it be a good idea to go ahead, and put most of my emergency fund savings toward helping pay off her debt now?

Dear Aaron,
You've got a generous heart, and I know you love this lady, but I wouldn't recommend being involved in paying any of her debt until after the wedding. At that point, you two are joined together as one, and the concepts of "mine" and "hers" and "his" disappear. It all becomes "ours," and you can adjust your money situation to reflect your marriage and your financial makeover as a couple.

Make sure that "we" have an emergency fund of at least \$1,000 in the bank at that

of residual in the water from the container after cleaning. This is a safe level in which to dispose of the containers using traditional disposal methods.

Proper rinsing is easy, saves money and reduces the risk of environmental contamination. As always, check with your local recycling center for regulations governing your area.

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point. Then, if you're both in agreement on the issue, you can throw the rest of what you previously had in your

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Sexual assault victims/survivors can seek help through online resources

Our House Inc., a resource and advocacy organization for domestic violence and sexual assault victims based in Greenville, is offering a monthly online chat for sexual assault victims/survivors in the Mississippi Delta Area.

The support group, Safe Online Space (SOS) for healing conversations meet once a month from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. at www.ourhouse-voices.com.

The group is an anonymous and secure online support group for survivors to connect with each other and get help with, support, resource, guidance and referrals.

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- 1 Aid
- 5 AARP members' funds
- 9 "___ of Blues" (Elvis)
- 14 Child
- 17 Ellipse
- 18 Amalgamate
- 19 "Homicide" director
- 20 Blue Cross alternative: abbr.
- 21 Progressive pulse
- 24 Bled
- 25 "___ Time at All"
- 26 Sleeping Beauty's wake-up call
- 27 Shade providers
- 29 Sticky stuff
- 32 Scottish cake
- 34 Vigor
- 35 Preceding nights
- 36 "Fred ___" (2007 film)
- 37 Fine points
- 40 Nervous twitch
- 41 Perfect angel
- 42 Computer connector
- 43 Child's trial or adult's reward
- 44 College website ending
- 45 Naval VIPs
- 46 Removes peels
- 47 Roman reproach
- 48 Bumper cars et al.
- 50 Frontier enclaves
- 51 Longed
- 52 Séance visitor
- 54 ___ screen (iPhone control)
- 55 Pericles' city
- 56 Wheelchair-bound "Glee" character
- 57 Thora of "American Beauty"
- 58 Sprout
- 59 Flanagan's charges
- 60 Will Smith film
- 61 Swarm
- 62 Frequently, in verse
- 65 Recede
- 66 Marten's cousin

DOWN

- 67 Opera singers
- 68 Send flowers and candy, e.g.
- 69 Trustworthy
- 71 Muffled
- 72 Plant with fronds
- 73 MacDowell of "Cedar Cove"
- 74 City in central Georgia
- 75 Kegler locale
- 76 Desperado
- 78 Pledge
- 79 Biblical judge
- 80 Noah's masterpiece
- 81 Peruse web pages
- 88 Bishopric
- 89 Not overt
- 90 Big Dipper component
- 91 Succumb to fatigue
- 92 Stetson, e.g.
- 93 Shade of gray
- 94 Poultry flavoring
- 95 Stretch across

DOWN

- 1 "___ do I love thee?"
- 2 Topsy's playmate
- 3 Washroom: abbr.
- 4 Features of some window shades
- 5 Speculative
- 6 Prairie schooner track
- 7 "___ Wednesday" (Liz Taylor film)
- 8 Hunt for
- 9 Delight
- 10 Yoga students' needs
- 11 Ratite bird
- 12 Goods and ___
- 13 "Ms." VIP
- 14 Quit
- 15 Epps of "Alfie"
- 16 Heaps
- 22 Countdown end
- 23 '57 DeSoto features
- 28 Use curlers
- 29 1995 U.S.

- Open champ Sampras
- 30 Ardent
- 31 Psychological crutch
- 32 ___ down (loses weight)
- 33 Pantry items
- 34 Mashed potatoes and green beans, e.g.
- 36 West Pointer
- 37 Yankee's home
- 38 Ingested
- 39 Taters
- 41 Sad Sack's girlfriend
- 42 Sousa opus
- 46 Joey's spot
- 47 Grand Canyon feedback
- 49 Fleur-de-lis
- 50 Constrain
- 51 Molecule components
- 52 Curved sword
- 53 Unmanned spacecraft
- 54 Champ's holding
- 55 "Full speed ___!"

- 57 Certain belt
- 58 Number of Snow White's pals
- 60 Customary
- 61 Singer Gobbi
- 63 Golfer's warning
- 64 Fashionable
- 66 "Satan's ___" (1969 biker flick)
- 67 Wondertand figure
- 70 Not Rep. or Dem.
- 71 SAT section
- 72 Belles, at a ball
- 74 Unglossy
- 75 Malty beverage
- 76 Wild party
- 77 Department
- 78 "Out ___" (Jon Voight film)
- 79 To be, in Toulouse
- 82 TV mfr.
- 83 Give ___ try
- 84 Old horse
- 85 Cut short
- 86 Tide competitor
- 87 Lacrosse team number

