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Introduction

There is a growing focus on environmental stewardship in the agriculture industry today. Agricultural plastics disposal has been an ongoing challenge faced by producers. This has led to the "Alberta Ag-Plastic. Recycle it!" pilot program with CleanFarms.Inc. More information is available at www.cleanfarms.ca.

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Birch Hills County recognizes that by establishing an agriculture plastics collection site, the negative environmental impacts of improperly disposed of agricultural plastics can be mitigated. Birch Hills County has designated the Tangent landfill located at NE-36-78-25W5M as a collection site for approved agricultural plastics. Birch Hills County will work with CleanFarms Inc. to provide recycling options for agricultural plastics to our producers.

Guidelines:

1. The Tangent Landfill shall accept pesticide containers that are less than 23L and meet the following conditions:
    a. The pesticide containers shall be rinsed and free of pesticide residues,
    b. the container is punctured,
    c. the cap and label are removed, and
    d. the containers are bagged in CleanFarms container recycling bags. The bags can be picked up at the landfill or at the County office.

2. The Tangent Landfill will accept and unload, by appointment only, grain bags that meet the following conditions:

    a. Grain bags will be unloaded by public works equipment operators on the last Tuesday of each month, by appointment only.
    b. Grain bag drop off appointments can be made by contacting the Director of Agriculture Services at 780-694-3793 or 780- 864-7567, or the Director of Public Works at 780-694-3793 or 780-512-3085.
    c. All appointment requests must be made before 4:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the last Tuesday of the month and must contain:
        I. Producer's name and phone number,

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II. legal land location from which the grain bags came,
III. Number of bags to be unloaded.

3. Grain bags shall be:
   a. Free of as much foreign materials as possible,
   b. rolled tightly with a mechanical grain bag roller or round baler,
   c. wrapped tightly with twine, and
   d. offloaded by public works equipment operators.

4. All grain bags will be inspected by trained personnel that may include:
   a. The landfill attendant,
   b. The Director of Agriculture,
   c. The Director of Public works,
   d. or other trained public works employees.

5. Grain bags that do not meet the acceptable conditions will not be unloaded and the producer will be responsible for returning them to the farm.

6. The Tangent Landfill will also accept bags of twine under the following conditions:
   a. The bags contain only twine.
   b. The twine shall be free of foreign materials. Shake to remove debris, snow, and/or ice.
   c. No hay netting or rope will be accepted.

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