

## MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE'S 2023 PESTICIDE CONTAINER RECYCLING

***After collecting more than a million pounds of plastic and conducting an empty pesticide container collection program for 30 years the Department's 2023 Program will be cancelled.***

***The Agricultural Container Recycling Council (ACRC) provides a contractor to pickup and/or grind the collected plastic free of charge. For the last two years we have been working with a new contractor, assigned by the ACRC. The contractor has not been able to keep up with demand and we have received no additional assistance from the ACRC. As such, we have several sites that are full or overflowing. Until we can clean out these sites, the program will be postponed. We thank everyone who has participated in this program and apologize for any inconvenience this will cause.***

***We hope to be able to continue the program in 2024.***

***For further information please contact the Pesticide Regulation Section at 410-841-5710 or via email at [pest.reg@maryland.gov](mailto:pest.reg@maryland.gov).***