



Empty containers

How to manage empty containers in locust control

Draining and rinsing containers should be done in the field, during the filling of the sprayers. For water-based insecticides, the rinsate can then be added to the spray tank and used. Empty containers of water-based insecticides (e.g. emulsifiable concentrate (EC), suspension concentrate (SC)) can easily be triple-rinsed on site. They should be punctured afterwards, to avoid re-use. Ultra-Low volume (ULV) insecticide containers should be well drained in the spray tank and then tightly closed. They can't be re-used and must be transported to the locust control base.

Empty containers must never be burned or buried on site, since this is dangerous to both humans and the environment.

Empty containers should never, under any circumstances, be reused for storage of drinking-water or food, not even after leaning.

Control staff should not respond positively to requests from the public for empty insecticide containers. Instead, **all empty containers should be returned to the locust control base**, where they should be temporarily stored in a secure location.

As a matter of principle, for every full insecticide container handed out to a control team, an empty one should be returned (*"one-out-one-in" principle*). Pesticide storekeepers or persons responsible for the insecticide stock should include empty containers in their stock administration. Empty containers collected at the locust control base are returned to the central national stores whenever possible. Generally, they can be sent back with the same truck that supplies the base with new insecticides. At the end of the control campaign, **all empty containers should be recycled or disposed of in an appropriate manner.**

Do

- Wear Personal protective equipment (PPE) when rinsing and puncturing containers
- Drain and rinse the containers while you are filling the spray tank

Don't

- Give empty containers to the public
- Burn or bury empty insecticide containers in the field
- Wait to drain and rinse the containers until after the spraying has ended

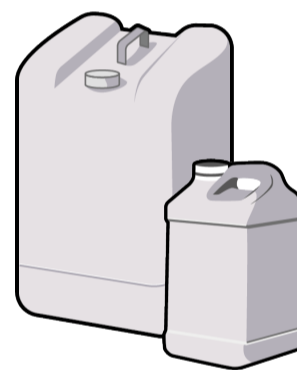
Attention!

1 full drum out of the store



1 empty drum returned

You should ensure that for each full insecticide container that you received for spraying, an empty one is returned to the locust control base.



Containers with water-based insecticides

① Drain insecticide in spray tank

② Triple-rinse or power-rinse container

③ Puncture container

④ Return to base

⑤ Store in secure location

⑥ Send to central store



Containers with ULV insecticides

① Drain insecticide in spray tank

② Close Tightly

