

## AGRICULTURAL CHEMICAL CONTAINER RECYCLING

Since the Ag Container Recycling Council (ACRC) began its work in Maryland, ACRC has collected and recycled more than **1,400,000 pounds** of ag chemical container plastic, averaging more than **46,000 pounds** annually. Since 2016, ACRC has recycled more than **436,000 pounds** of agricultural chemical container plastic in the state.

ACRC has been doing this for 32 years and are experts at agricultural recycling and has a robust stewardship program already in place. Nationwide, **over 246,000,000 lbs have been recycled since 1992**. In recent years, the national program has been recycling an average of **10,000,000 lbs annually**.

**Ag Plastic Solutions** collects containers from retailers, applicators, and farmers across Maryland as part of a nationwide network of contractors working with ACRC. Containers are typically chipped, washed, and then used in a range of end use products approved by the ACRC. Field drainpipe, nursery pots, and landscaping edging are all examples. All non-refillable, high-density polyethylene (HDPE) plastic containers used for agricultural chemicals in sizes up to and including 55 gallons are accepted. Farmers and professional applicators can participate by triple or pressure rinsing empty containers and aggregating them for collection by ACRC contractors at specific sites established by the contractors.

### ACRC

The Ag Container Recycling Council (ACRC) funds, operates and promotes a program across the United States for the collection and recycling of plastic containers (up to and including 55 gallon HDPE containers) from agricultural crop protection, animal health, specialty pest control, micronutrient, biologicals, fertilizer, and adjuvant products. **ACRC was founded in February 1992** by 11 manufacturers, formulators, or packagers of such products.

**The ACRC has 36 Regular Members and 18 Affiliate Members.** Manufacturers, formulators, or packagers of agricultural crop protection, animal health, specialty pest control, micronutrient, biologicals, fertilizer, and adjuvant products can be regular members. Any manufacturer of HDPE plastic containers or container components used by the companies that qualify for Regular Membership may be an Affiliate Member. ACRC is funded entirely by member dues. ACRC conducts a survey of its members annually to determine what volume (weight) of HDPE plastic they put in the U.S. marketplace for relevant product lines. Dues collected from each member company are based on this plastic weight. All survey and dues data is confidential.

### 1992

The Ag Container Recycling Council was founded to collect and recycle agricultural plastic chemical containers in a safe and environmentally sustainable manner.

### 2019

ACRC has 34 regular members and 17 affiliate members, all dedicated to our mission of a cleaner, safer environment.

### 2020

With over 1,500 collection sites across the nation, a recycling center is never far away.

### 2021

ACRC selects Ag Plastic Solutions as their contractor for all northeastern states.

### 2022

We celebrate our 30th year of serving agriculture and the people of this country!