Welcome 2019
If you are like me, part of you looks forward to the new opportunities and challenges of the new year. Or, also like me, you look forward to a fresh start. I always manage to spend part of my time between the Holidays cleaning things out of my house, organizing my desk for the new year, making a list of things I want to accomplish. I prefer "to-do" lists, not resolutions. Maybe this is the year you finally want to tackle disposing of some old chemicals, I provided resources below. Or maybe you want to recycle that collection of pesticide containers. I also provide a resource to accomplish that. Whatever your mindset is today, January 2nd, I wish you all the best for a happy, healthy and productive 2019!

Chemical and Pesticide Disposal
Each year, at my private pesticide applicator meetings, I get questions about how to dispose of old chemicals and pesticides so I thought I would share this information. You can visit the Iowa DNR's web page for Regional Collection Centers and click on the map for the county where you live. A pop-up box will appear containing a link to more information on location, hours, and what kinds of materials are accepted. For counties without service, please contact 515-725-8359.

Pesticide Container Recycling
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Serving Calhoun, Cerro Gordo, Franklin, Hamilton, Hardin, Humboldt, Webster, Worth and Wright Counties.

Additional Resources
Integrated Crop Management
Ag Decision Maker
Iowa Environmental Mesonet
G. Phillips and Sons is an approved contractor for recycling 55 gallon and smaller pesticide containers that have **been triple rinsed**. They are located in Stanwood, IA. The phone number is 563-942-0391. Clients can make arrangements to have containers picked up on the farm.

**Events**

January 4. 9:30 a.m. Private pesticide applicator recertification. United Methodist Church in Rockwell City.

January 4. 1:30 p.m. Private pesticide applicator recertification. Zion Lutheran Church, Humboldt.

January 7-11. Boone and Raccoon River Watershed Focus Groups. A consortium of groups is sponsoring several focus group discussion opportunities to look at the impacts of weather extremes on agricultural management, conservation decisions, and water quality. The invitation is extended to corn and soybean producers with more than 500 acres in Boone, Buena Vista, Calhoun, Carroll, Dallas, Green, Guthrie, Hamilton, Hancock, Humboldt, Kossuth, Pocahontas, Sac, Webster and Wright Counties. Meetings dates are listed below, please RSVP to Bonnie McGill at 724-549-6305 by January 3rd. **Click here** for more information.

Crop Advantage starts this week! You can find the entire series at [http://www.aep.iastate.edu/cas/index.html](http://www.aep.iastate.edu/cas/index.html) See details for each location for program agenda and CCA credits. Private pesticide applicator recertification is included in the registration fee and requires your attendance for the entire day. Walk-in registrations are allowed, but your pre-registration by the deadline for early registration saves you dollars and allows us to better control costs by planning in advance for food and materials. I hope you can join us for this statewide series of crop production presentations.

**Ames**, January 9, Quality Inn and Suites Starlite Village Conference Center (early registration deadline is Jan 2)

**Mason City**, January 11, North Iowa Area Community College, Muse-Norris Conference Center (early registration deadline is Jan 4)

**Fort Dodge**, January 16, Best Western Starlite Village (early registration deadline is Jan 9)

**Waterloo**, January 17, Hawkeye Community College- Tama Hall (early registration deadline is Jan 10)