



# What to do with farm wastes

Good waste management practices are essential to ensure a **healthy, safe** and **productive** farm enterprise.

# GOOD WASTE

management practices can:



- Save you money
- Protect your land and waterways from contamination
- Prevent stock injury or death
- Improve the value of your property
- Help you avoid penalties and costly clean-up.

# POOR WASTE

management practices can:



Cause contamination or damage to stock, crops, air, soil and water. This can lead to a decline in farm productivity and threaten the sustainability of your farm, your industry and the surrounding environment.

EPA's publication 660, **Waste management on farms**, provides more detailed information on farm waste management. You can download it from [www.epa.vic.gov.au/publications](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/publications).

# KEY THINGS

to consider

- Avoid waste by buying only what you need for the job.
- Remember that most products and materials can be easily reused, returned or recycled.
- The disposal of wastes on farms is prohibited, apart from green wastes (i.e. compost and tree branches) and limited numbers of dead stock.
- No wastes, other than tree branches, should be burnt on a farm. Wastes such as tyres, hay bands, silage wrap and domestic waste must not be burnt.
- Disposal or recycling of waste that cannot be reused on the farm is available at landfills and transfer stations.
- Prior to disposal, wastes should be stored in a manner that will not lead to the contamination of water or land, or risk the health of humans, stock or crops.
- Chemical drums should be triple rinsed and stored in a safe place prior to return for recycling or disposal.
- The filling of areas on the farm with demolition material is not appropriate and you could face liability for illegal dumping.



# KEY contacts

## **Department of Primary Industries**

DPI Customer Service Centre: 136 186, [www.dpi.vic.gov.au](http://www.dpi.vic.gov.au)

## **Information on recycling and disposal services**

Sustainability Victoria: 1800 353 233, [www.sustainability.vic.gov.au](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au)

Department of Sustainability and Environment, [www.dse.vic.gov.au](http://www.dse.vic.gov.au)

## **Regional Waste Management Groups**

[www.vicregions.asn.au](http://www.vicregions.asn.au)

## **Recycling options for your local council**

[www.recyclingnearyou.com.au](http://www.recyclingnearyou.com.au)

## Disclaimer

This brochure has been produced as a guide for the management of wastes on farms and in no way provides an exhaustive list of waste types and management options. If you are unsure about the appropriate management options for your wastes, contact your local council or EPA office for further information.



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