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Recycling options vary depending on the container size:

- **Recycling containers up to 55 gallons.** Clean containers that have been triple-rinsed or pressure-rinsed, can be recycled through a free program sponsored by the Ag Container Recycling Council (ACRC). Refer to the ACRC Container Preparation Checklist for more information on preparing containers. In Iowa, containers can be recycled under the ACRC program with G. Phillips and Sons, LLC located in Stanwood, IA. For more information visit G. Phillips and Sons, LLC. To set up a pickup, call G. Phillips & Sons at 563-942-0391 or email them at pickup@gpsagrecycle.com.

- **Recycling mini-bulk and intermediate bulk containers.** Although some mini-bulk and intermediate bulk containers (IBCs) are refillable there are still many around businesses and farms that are not eligible for refilling. The Pesticide Stewardship Alliance (TPSA) provides information on rinsing and recycling mini-bulk and IBCs and companies that will recycle these containers. For contact information for specific companies that offer recycling services in Iowa, visit the company search page on the TPSA website. Eight companies are currently listed offering mini-bulk and IBCs recycling services for Iowa.
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