



FREE: Disposal of waste pesticides

Improperly used pesticides can pose a health risk and could contaminate your groundwater. The Nevada Department of Agriculture collects and safely disposes of unused, unwanted and banned pesticides at no charge to you. Acceptable products include: insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, rodent baits and other pesticides containing chlorpyrifos and diazanon.

For more information, visit the Department of Agriculture's Web site at agri.state.nv.us or call **486-4690**.

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State approves new regulations

In July, the Nevada Division of Water Resources (NDWR) adopted new regulations that outline fines and penalties for violating Nevada Water Law.

The regulations, which must be reviewed by the Legislative Commission, are intended to further ensure the protection of Nevada's water resources by specifying the measures the Nevada State Engineer must take when assessing penalties.

During the 2007 Legislative Session, lawmakers passed Senate Bill 274, which allows the NDWR to assess fines and penalties for violations of Nevada Water Law. The legislation prompted the NDWR to develop these regulations. The legislation also stated that no fine

or penalty could be assessed until July 1, 2009.

Public workshops were held throughout the state to discuss the proposed regulations and to provide an opportunity for the public to comment. During the three workshops held in Las Vegas, representatives from the NDWR emphasized their desire to promote compliance without having to assess fines or penalties. The regulations allow residents to correct any violation and remedy the problem before a fine is imposed.

To obtain a copy of the adopted regulations or for more information, visit the Nevada Division of Water Resources at water.nv.gov or call the Southern Nevada branch office at **486-2770**.

Sub-meters now available

On Aug. 21, the Southern Nevada Water Authority approved a sub-meter assistance program to help well users monitor and reduce their water use. The program will allow each well user to receive one 1" meter, as well as a \$150 installation incentive rebate, once the meter is installed. The rebate is paid following verification by the Nevada Division of Water Resources (NDWR).

Starting July 1, 2009, all water users in Nevada are subject to penalties for violations of Nevada Water Law. In the case of overpumping, Nevada law requires the NDWR to determine which properties are overpumping before a fine can be assessed. To determine which homes on a community well are overpumping, the NDWR may order the installation of sub-meters.

When the Nevada Legislature authorized the NDWR to assess fines and penalties for water law violations, lawmakers wanted to ensure that community well owners were able to monitor their usage and make reductions if necessary. The sub-meter assistance program is designed to help defray the costs for well users who are required to, or choose to, install a water meter. It is paid for through the Groundwater Management Fee that all well users pay. To be eligible for the meter and the installation rebate, complete payment of the Groundwater Management Fee is required.

For more information on the program, please visit LasVegasGMP.org or call **258-7288**.