

NEW JERSEY DRIP TAPE RECYCLING PROGRAM

Year Round Collection

New Jersey farmers are encouraged to recycle their drip irrigation tape at the Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex. The Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex will continue to accept drip irrigation tape charging farmers a fee of \$30 per ton, an almost 50 percent savings in landfill tipping fees. The vehicles used to transport the drip tape to be recycled are not required to be licensed by DEP so long as the material is transported directly to the Solid Waste Complex.

Collection Site

Location:

Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex

169 Jesse Bridge Road (Located off Route 55 Exit 29 (Sherman Avenue-Route 552))

Deerfield, New Jersey

Contact: Dennis DeMatte, Jr. (856) 825-3700

Prior to delivery of the agricultural plastics, all growers **MUST** call the Cumberland County Improvement Authority to establish an account with the Authority. Growers using a licensed solid waste hauler **MUST** inform the Authority prior to delivery in an effort to maintain proper billing and documentation.

HOURS OF OPERATION: Monday-Friday 7:30 am - 3:30 pm, Saturday by appointment only

TIPPING FEE: \$30/per ton

SPECIAL DELIVERY INSTRUCTIONS: When you enter the Cumberland County Solid Waste Complex, please be sure to identify the material as agricultural plastics. This is necessary because there is another program to recycle nursery and greenhouse film and the agricultural plastics must be kept at a separate tipping area than the nursery and greenhouse film.

Quality Control Measures

- A farmer's quality control of the agricultural plastics is probably the most important variable to a successful recycling program. Not all agricultural plastics are made of the same plastic resins. Only low-density polyethylene drip irrigation tape will be accepted. If you are unsure of the type of plastic you have, contact the CCIA for guidance.
- Once the drip irrigation tape is removed, shake it to remove the contaminants (soil, plant material, mulch plastic, twine). Excessive contaminants could cause the material to be rejected at the collection site. Minimizing these contaminants will lower the tipping fee for recycling.
- Drip tape should be rolled up and tied with **ONLY** drip tape. **DO NOT** use twine, wire, etc. If any other material is used to tie the bundle, the load will be rejected
- Store the drip irrigation tape so it is not exposed to sunlight that will further degrade the material.
- Keep the material as dry as possible because moisture will add to the weight of material and increase the cost of recycling to the farmer. If the material cannot be stored indoors, cover it with plastic.
- Keep the plastic as clean possible.

