



Grain Bag Recycling – Collection Site Requirements

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Help farmers in your area recycle grain bags

A province-wide grain bag recycling program is scheduled to start in 2018 and Cleanfarms is in the initial stages of recruiting municipalities and private facilities to act as collection sites.

Interested? Here is what you need to do:

1. Review this document.
2. Complete the 'Collection Site Checklist'.
This will help you figure out if you have the requirements in place to offer this program in your community. It will also help Cleanfarms determine what resources are currently available.
3. Let us know you are interested. Send us your completed 'Collection Site Checklist.'
We will follow up with you when additional details are available.

Program basics

- Starting in 2018, all grain bags* purchased in Saskatchewan may be taken to a consolidation site or transfer site for recycling.
*This includes bags commonly referred to as 'grain bags' and also 'silage bags' that are used to store grain and cereals.
- Starting in 2018, Cleanfarms will be building the number of sites up to 25 collection sites to provide farmers with drop off points for used grain bags
- Cleanfarms will eventually grow to 35 collection sites across the province of Saskatchewan. Cleanfarms will select collection sites based on the geographic needs and site requirements of the program.
- Cleanfarms will arrange for the collection of the grain bags once a collection site has accumulated the minimum requirement, approximately 18 metric tonnes or over 120 large rolled bags.
- Collection sites will be reimbursed (on a per kilogram/per metric tonne basis) for their important role in the program.

Are you currently working with SimplyAg as a pilot collection site?

We hope that you will continue to offer this program to your community. Please make note of the following important changes:

- Starting in 2018, collection sites cannot charge fees when users drop off grain bags.



'Value added services' like on-farm pickup are separate from the new program requirements. Collection sites can continue to offer these services.

- **Twine, netwrap and bale wrap is excluded from the new program and separate arrangements will be required if sites accept this material – it is not part of the Stewards funding model, regulation or compensation model at this time.**
- Sites that have grain bag rollers owned by SimplyAg should have an agreement made prior to December 31st, 2017 going forward.

About Cleanfarms

Cleanfarms is a not-for-profit industry stewardship organization that operates a number of industry-funded stewardship programs for items like pesticide & fertilizer containers, seed & pesticide bags, obsolete pesticides and obsolete animal health medications. Its newest program targets grain bags in Saskatchewan.



Collection Site Checklist

The purpose of this checklist is to help facilities evaluate if they have the requirements in place to meet the collection site requirements. Please complete this form and send it to [us](#).

Site Contact Name:	Address: (Physical location – legal land location and mailing address):
Rural Municipality:	Phone number:
E-mail address:	Name of collection site:

Minimum requirements

- Offer **free** drop off of grain bags (rolled) from farmers;
- Ensure any loose/unrolled grain bags are rolled or baled before pickup by Cleanfarms;
- Ability to store a minimum of 18MT of material on-site (approximately 120 large rolled grain bags);
- Site layout and conditions that can accommodate a 53' tractor trailer turning radius and weight;
- Grain bags are inspected upon drop off to verify cleanliness;
- Storage area that is free of standing water and minimizes contamination (mud, vermin);
- Private or general liability insurance;
- Vector control at least 2 weeks prior to shipping if not all the time

Compensation:

Compensation is based on the collection sites ability to meet the minimum requirements, as well as the additional site specifications offered. A \$/kg collection incentive will be paid upon shipment to recycler based on container loaded weight.

Collection sites will be asked to provide photos of the area that will be used for collection that clearly identify the entry/egress of the site and the drop off/storage area, as well as a copy of valid insurance documents.

Collectors and entrepreneurs are free to offer other services such as on-farm pickup of rolled grain bags, service to roll grain bags, or equipment rental/borrowing of grain bag roller or other equipment with or without additional charges to the farmer (managed solely by the collector or others, outside of Cleanfarms program agreements).



Additional site considerations:

Accessibility for farmers:

Ability to offer **free** drop off of grain bags by farmers during reasonable opening hours
 Hours of operation:

Do you currently own a grain bag roller or baler? Y N
 Grain bag roller
 Baler
 Other:

Storage and transportation:

Do you have the following on site: Y N
 Forklift
 Bobcat with grapple
 Loading dock/ramp
 Tractor

Quality control:

Description of storage area: Y N
 Fencing
 Gravel/concrete pad
 Quonset/covered building

Other storage area (describe):

Is there on-site vector control? Y N

By what means will you communicate quality requirements (proper rolling/drop-off procedures) to farmers?

Material drop off:

How will after-hours unauthorized dumping be managed? Unauthorized materials dropped off?

Will the site be manned during opening hours: Y N



Pilot program: Are you currently participating in the pilot collection program?	Y	N
Other: Please provide us with any additional details we should know about your site		
Cleanfarms support Cleanfarms will provide the following <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Operational best practices- Education and promotion resources- Assurances that the collected grain bags are recycled properly according to high health, safety and environmental standards.- Manage shipping and handling once site has accumulated enough for a semi/sea can- Signage Please identify additional support that would be helpful:		