

## HPP Container Recycling Program

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The HPP Nursery Container Division is pleased to be implementing an inclusive program to recycle used HDPE containers. This ambitious program will be a big plus for both the grower and our environment. Our container-recycling program is an opportunity for nurserymen to remove used/unusable containers from the nursery site avoiding clogging our landfills, dumping charges, and freight costs.

### **Program Guidelines**

- The containers can only be the thermoformed or blow molded from HDPE, which is the #2 recycle logo.
- Because foreign material can cause havoc in our grinders, it is important that the containers be clean. This can be accomplished by lightly rinsing or wiping the interior of the pot with rags or brushes. This will remove any sand, bark, fertilizer particles, etc.
- It is essential for the containers to be palletized to accommodate handling ease and shipping efficiency. Please note that *each pallet height needs to be at least 100 inches but cannot exceed 106 inches.*
- A full truckload of containers coming to HPP is essential for our program's success. Therefore, the minimum pick-up is one-half of a truckload, usually 12 pallets. Coordination or partnering with a nearby nursery will be extremely beneficial for logistics.
- HPP will arrange and pay for the freight charges from your nursery to our facility. It is important that loading take place in a timely manner to avoid any trucking detention charges, which HPP can not bear responsibility.
- Once your containers have arrived at our facility, we will evaluate your used pots for cleanliness, material uniformity, and weight. In order for us to continue and expand the program, it is again essential, that the containers arriving at Haviland for reprocessing are collated, clean, and palletized on a well loaded truck. It is important to secure (by banding, stretch wrapping, etc.), the containers to the pallets for safety reasons and movement ease. For questions, guidance and logistical help, all of HPP's field representatives are ready, willing, and able to assist you in any aspect of this process.

Here at HPP, we are not viewing this important program as a profit center for either of us, but rather as an opportunity, with both of us in partnership, to become even more proactive as a green industry. With successful trials already behind us, we are confident that with full attention from both of us, this eco-beneficial project will be a winner for all, especially our environment. The landfill reduction and energy savings per recycled load are very impressive and will make a big difference. We welcome comments and suggestions as we move forward with this important program. Please direct all questions and comments to Marty Thomas at 336-547-3956 or via e-mail address at [mthomas@havilandplastics.com](mailto:mthomas@havilandplastics.com).