

NETAFIM REGEN RECYCLING PROGRAM

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Using drip tape for irrigation is reliable, easy and convenient. With Netafim Regen Recycling, getting rid of used drip tape in an environmentally responsible way is just as easy and convenient.

PROGRAM DETAILS

Geographic Scope

- California Agricultural Growers and Dealers only (see collection boundary map below).

Timeline (How Long Does it Take?)

- Irrigation tubing pick-up - from initial request to material pick up, typically 3-4 weeks, but may be up to 8 weeks or more depending upon seasonal workload and need to combine smaller loads from several locations to comprise a complete truckload of material.
- Bad weather and equipment breakdowns may force rescheduling.

USER INSTRUCTIONS

1. Request a pick-up by filling out a the pick up form at www.netafimusa.com/recycling or by calling our Director of Operations, Tim Totten (559) 779-3145
2. Grower will be contacted to collect information about materials and location.
3. If materials and location meet initial requirements (see Conditions and Restrictions), a site visit will be scheduled.
4. Material will be scheduled for pick-up (typically within 3-4 weeks).

CONDITIONS AND REQUIREMENTS

Pick-up Location

- Irrigation tubing must be on level ground and accessible to a 65' tractor trailer with a clearance of 14' and room to maneuver in and out

Product Conditions

Required

- Only polyethylene (PE) products will be accepted
- Material must be free of trash, wood, rocks, tires and foreign materials
- Material must not contain excessive dirt or plant debris
- Center of coils must not be wound around metal, cardboard, sticks or other plant material (PE or PVC centers are okay as long as they are less than 4" in diameter)
- Materials must not be intermingled with other plastics (PE adapters and couplers are okay).
- If the TWD contains metal wire ties used to secure splicing repairs, they must be galvanized (not stainless steel) and must NOT be wrapped with adhesive tape.
- Plastic mulch will not be accepted
- Minimum amount of material accepted:
 - Drip tape (TWD): Per site minimum 35,000 lbs.
 - Drip tubing (HWD): Not currently accepting until further notice

RECYCLING PROGRAM SUMMARY

QUESTION	ANSWER
LOCATION	California Only
WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?	California AG Growers/Dealers
HOW DO I SIGN UP?	Complete Pick-up Form at www.netafimusa.com/recycling or call Tim Totten (559) 779-3145

Product Conditions - TWD (drip tape) continued

- Only accepting Netafim TWD, but will consider a one-time cleanup of other manufacturer brands on a case by case basis.
- All wall thicknesses of TWD will be accepted.
- TWD must be densely mechanically coiled. See example below. Loose or bundled TWD will not be accepted.
- To expand our collection capacity, we have partnered with Andros Engineering to pick up Mega Binder coils from growers for delivery to our recycling facility.
- Andros Mega Binder coils must be vertically, tightly bound with 2-3 pieces of rope/twine. Andros Ultra Binder coils and other smaller coils can be bound with rope, twine, or drip tape (not wire, adhesive tape, or plastic film wrap).



Andros Mega Binder Coils



Andros Ultra Binder Coils



Smaller, but still dense coils

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is Netafim Regen Recycling?

Netafim Regen Recycling is a subsidiary of Netafim Irrigation, Inc. We collect and recycle used drip tubing/hose and drip tape.

Where is Netafim Regen Recycling Located?

Netafim Regen Recycling has a processing facility located in Fowler, CA just south of Fresno.

What is the Extent of the Pick-up Zone?

Netafim Regen Recycling will arrange for pick up from the Central Valley and Central Coast.

Is There a Minimum Sized Load for Pick-up?

Drip tape minimum 35,000 lbs for Thinwall Driplines (TWD).

Drip tubing (from orchards/vineyards): Not currently accepting new pick-up request for HWD until 2021.

Where Does the Recycled Tubing Go?

Recycled polyethylene is re-used in drip tubing for agricultural, mining and landscape industries. Utilizing products with recycled content is an important component of the sustainability initiatives of many companies. The recycled material is also used in industrial products such as plastic pallets.

