

# NETAFIM RECYCLING PROGRAM

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Using drip tubing/hose or drip tape for irrigation is reliable, easy and convenient. With Netafim Recycling, getting rid of used irrigation tubing in an environmentally responsible way is easy and convenient.

## PROGRAM DETAILS

### Geographic Scope

- California Agricultural growers and Dealers only

### 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. Grower requests a pick-up by filling out a Pick-up Request Form on our website ([www.netafimrecycling.com](http://www.netafimrecycling.com)) or by calling our Field Recycling Program Manager, Luke Hoekstra (559) 246-8264.
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

#### Preferred

- Tubing that is coiled or bundled

#### Required

- Only polyethylene (PE) products will be accepted
- Material must be free of trash, wood, rocks, tires and foreign materials
- Material must be not excessively dirty
- If tubing is coiled or bundled, it must be bound with drip tubing or twine, not wire or adhesive tape
- 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 debris (PE couplers, adapters, emitters and sprinklers are okay)
- Plastic mulch will not be accepted
- Minimum amount of material accepted: Drip tubing - 10,000 lbs per site, Drip tape - not currently accepting additional tape due to oversupply in the market.

### 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 <a href="http://www.netafimrecycling.com">www.netafimrecycling.com</a> or call Luke Hoekstra (559) 246-8264

# GROWER COMPENSATION PROGRAM

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### **Who is Netafim Recycling?**

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

### **Where is Netafim Recycling Located?**

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

### **What is the Extent of the Pick-up Zone?**

Netafim Recycling will arrange for pick up from Mendocino, Tehama, Glenn and Butte counties in Northern California to Kern and San Luis Obispo counties in the south.

### **Is There a Minimum Sized Load for Pick-up?**

Drip tubing (from orchards/vineyards): 10,000 lbs. Drip tape (from row crops): we are not currently accepting additional tape due to oversupply in the market.

### **Where Does the Recycled Tubing Go?**

Recycled polyethylene is re-used in drip tubing for the mining and landscape industries. In landscape, recycled content is critical for a number of sustainable building initiatives. The recycled material is also used in industrial products such as plastic pallets.

