

Seven semi-trailers carrying the first shipment of 100 free dumpsters for distribution to area farmers through the Revolution Plastics free on-farm Ag plastic recycling program to arrive in Glenwood on Monday, January 9th.

Glenwood, Minnesota Monday, January 9, 11 a.m.

Farmers, you have heard about this. Now it is here, on the ground, in Minnesota.

The first one hundred of the total 400 new Ag Plastic Recycling Dumpsters will be delivered on Monday at 11:00 a.m. to the Pope County Fairgrounds in Glenwood. This program offered by Revolution Plastics, is part of an effort led by a core group of nine central Minnesota counties and the Recycling Association of Minnesota with help from a grant by the MPCA, to recycle Minnesota's agricultural plastics. These nine counties are: Stearns, Benton, Sherburne, Pope, Douglas, Otter Tail, Sibley, Nicollet and Le Sueur. In December, 134 free dumpsters like these were placed on Winona County farms and are now in the process of collecting dairy wrap, bale wrap, silage bunker covers and selected other agricultural film plastics at no cost to the farmers.

These dumpsters are being staged at the Pope County fairgrounds to be ready for later distribution to signed up, qualified agricultural producers who will come in to the site for the one day event in late February or early March. Only farmers that have signed up for a dumpster will be contacted to come in to get their dumpster on the special dispersal day.

The first 100 dumpsters will be arriving on January 9th, with another 100 each week until the 400 total dumpsters have been delivered this month. Once all of the dumpsters are in place and four hundred farmers have signed up and been accepted, each will be notified of the date and time to come in to have their agricultural plastic recycling dumpster loaded onto their trucks and trailers to bring to their farm site.

All agricultural producers within an 80 mile distance from Sauk Centre are strongly encouraged to sign up immediately to ensure they have the opportunity to access a free recycling dumpster in March. Minnesota Ag producers outside of this immediate area are encouraged to sign up now as well, since the placement of additional future collection hubs will be considered based upon sufficient sign ups. Revolution Plastics has already rolled out this same program for Dairy and Beef producers in Wisconsin and in parts of Illinois and Iowa.

The dumpsters, once placed at the farms by the owner, will be serviced by Revolution Plastics. This company is a sister company to Delta Plastics, one of the largest agricultural film plastic manufacturers in the country. Delta and Revolution are committed to recycling the plastics they make and have been providing this service to the agricultural community throughout the southern United States for twenty years.

On hand at the Pope County Fairgrounds on Monday to answer questions will be Nathan Reinbold, Environmental Coordinator for Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management, Brita Sailer, Executive Director of the Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) and other stakeholders.

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See attached.

A picture of the Winona County 'hub' dumpster delivery.

Our 'hub' is indicated by the other attachment.

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