



Sustaining Endeavour's Recycling and Rebate Service



Sustaining Endeavour are providing a recycling and rebate service to growers in the McLaren Vale region for their end-of-life dripperline and vine guards. So far over 33 tonnes of old plastic has been collected for recycling from regional Growers resulting in just over \$500 being raised for local biodiversity and community groups and generous rebates being earned by Growers. Sustaining Endeavour accepts:

- *End-of-life dripperline (old polypipe) detached from wire and vines before being tightly recoiled using a recoiling machine - not by hand as resulting coils are too loose. See pictures on the back.*

Ideally, recoiled polypipe is to be tied off tightly with a length of polypipe to get the highest rebate, though string, or a small length of fence wire is ok. Drippers are OK left in or taken out.

- *Vine guards made from polypropylene are accepted at end-of-life provided they are flattened, stacked and packed compactly inside an old bulker bag with handles tied off tightly.*

*Sustaining Endeavour will ensure Growers plastic waste is recycled by Plastics Granulating Services in Adelaide. Provided Growers present waste as requested to ensure dense loads for viable transport, a rebate will be returned to Growers through **McLaren Vale Irrigation**. MVI customers will be able to use their rebate towards the following Australian made plastic products from **Sponsoring Manufacturers**:*

- *High quality polyethylene irrigation products from Netafim, Rivulis, Toro, Antelco, HR Products.*
- *Woodshield untreated timber vine posts with the protective qualities of recycled polymer.*
- *Polypropylene VineGuards from GroGuard.*
- *HR Products GreenWells and valve box covers made from recycled polypropylene & polyethylene.*

*Growers will also be able to put up to half their rebate towards the **McLaren Vale Biodiversity Project** through the Friends of Willunga Basin Group, or to the **Fleurieu Folk Festival** held in October.*

Growers interested can contact Uma with details of the location and amounts of polypipe (metres) or vine guards (number) that are now ready for recycling or that will be in coming months. A pick up can be organized for large amounts or Growers can deliver to the recycler themselves, either way please book through: uma.preston@gmail.com or call 0452 537 266.

Sustaining Endeavour thanks all its Partners in the McLaren Vale. For further info please see the web site. <http://sustainingendeavour.com.au/>



To ensure a good rebate on end-of-life polypipe and ongoing viability of the Recycling and Rebate service to the McLaren Vale Region, Growers as a collective need to ensure their recoiled polypipe is as tightly recoiled as possible into a dense bundle.



Well recoiled end-of-life polypipe tightly recoiled (after removing from wire and vines) using a Netafim recoiling machine. Photo courtesy of Netafim.



Not so well recoiled end-of-life polypipe in large open coils. Due to a less dense load, transport costs increase on a per tonne basis and the rebate returned to Grower, if any, is very small. Ongoing pick-up service viability is affected.

Poorly recoiled end-of-life polypipe and pieces of polypipe cannot be accepted as such material makes transport and handling unviable. Material needs to be recoiled more tightly or cut and bundled into manageable lengths.

