

Hazardous Waste Factsheet

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Hazardous Waste Disposal Program for Thurston County Businesses

Do You Have Hazardous Waste?

Many business owners generate hazardous waste, but may not realize that they do. If your business discards used or unused hazardous materials, then Thurston County may have a local disposal solution for you. This includes such common wastes as solvents, oil-based paints, photographic fixers, cleaners, automotive liquids, pesticides, and aerosols.

Thurston County’s small business hazardous waste disposal program is set up to allow businesses that generate small quantities of hazardous waste (formally known as Small Quantity Generators) to dispose of those wastes at the HazoHouse, the county’s hazardous waste collection facility.

What is a Small Quantity Generator?

Your business is a Small Quantity Generator if it generates less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month and stores no more than 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste on site at any one time. Small Quantity Generators typically include painters, printers, clinics, furniture repair shops, maintenance shops, retailers, and auto shops.

Is Your Business Eligible?

Because of regulatory restrictions, only Small Quantity Generators are eligible to use this service. Businesses that generate more than the allowable amount mentioned above have stricter state regulations and cannot participate in this program. These larger businesses are classified as Medium and Large Quantity Generators and are regulated by the Department of Ecology. For more information, please visit Ecology’s website at <https://ecology.wa.gov/Waste-Toxics/Business-waste/Manage-your-waste> or call the Department of Ecology at (360) 407-6300.

How Do I Use This Program?

To dispose of waste through the Thurston County Small Quantity Generator Disposal program, eligible businesses may take their hazardous wastes directly to the HazoHouse. The HazoHouse is located at the Thurston County Waste and Recovery Center, 2420 Hogum Bay Road in Lacey. HazoHouse is open every day, from 8:00 am to 4:45 pm. If your business has not used HazoHouse before, you will be asked to complete registration paperwork at your initial visit, or you can pre-register by calling our office. Your business will be billed by the Thurston County Public Works Department following your visit; no payment is accepted at the site. Businesses are asked to call first to set up an disposal appointment.



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Can I Transport My Own Waste?

Small quantity generators can transport their own waste to the collection site; however, they may be subject to US Department of Transportation requirements. Some regulations may require proper shipping papers, secondary containment, proper labeling, and emergency response numbers. Waste should be transported in the trunk, truck bed, or an area separate from passengers. It is best to use a leak-proof tub or plastic lined cardboard box to transport the wastes. Never mix different products together, let the containers tip, or transport open containers.

How Much Will It Cost?

Under this program, businesses are only charged a disposal fee that directly covers the cost to safely recycle or dispose of the waste they bring. Other handling, transportation, and overhead costs are paid out of funds already collected through garbage rates.

Disposal rates are charged based on the amount and type of the waste. Materials that are easy to recycle are free compared to ones that cannot be neutralized, recycled, or rendered non-toxic which are more expensive. For a current price list, businesses should contact specialists with the Business Pollution Prevention Program at (360) 867-2664. Specialists can also assist businesses with questions about designating their hazardous wastes or preparing wastes for secure transport to HazoHouse.

Accepted Items

Auto products, motor oil and filters, batteries, oil-based paints, thinners, solvents, cleaning supplies, glues and adhesives, pesticides, pool and hobby chemicals, gases, mercury containing-lamps and products. Some items are not accepted at the HazoHouse. Latex paint is not hazardous and just needs to be dried before disposing as solid waste. In addition, HazoHouse will not accept empty or leaking containers, medical waste, explosives, flares, fireworks, ammunition, radioactive wastes, or electronics.

Reuse Options

An alternative for still-usable, surplus materials is to list unwanted products with the Industrial Materials Exchange (IMEX) catalog. For more information, please contact IMEX directly at (206) 263-8899 or go to www.lhwmp.org/home/IMEX/index.aspx.

The Business Pollution Prevention Team

Contact the Business Pollution Prevention Program at (360) 867-2664 / TDD (360) 867-2603 or visit our website at www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ehhw/index.html.



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