

DISPOSAL OF TOXICS

SMALL QUANTITY GENERATOR WASTE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION For Whatcom County Businesses Only

Why should I dispose of my small quantity hazardous waste using this program?

State and federal law requires businesses and industries that generate or store hazardous waste to comply with regulations for proper treatment, storage, and disposal of the wastes. The Disposal of Toxics Program provides a local option to businesses for hazardous waste disposal.

Who qualifies for the Small Quantity Generator Waste Acceptance Program?

The Disposal of Toxics Facility is permitted to accept waste from Whatcom County Small Quantity Generators (SQG) only. Businesses and industries that do not exceed the generation and storage limits listed below are SQGs and can use this program. To participate in this program, complete the Small Quantity Generator (SQG) Designation Form and send it to:

Mail: Disposal of Toxics Program, 3505 Airport Drive, Bellingham, Washington, 98226

Email: jnyland@cleanearthinc.com

Completion of this form is required to dispose of waste at the Disposal of Toxics Facility.

How much hazardous waste can each SQG drop off at the Disposal of Toxics Facility?

The quantities listed below are detailed in the Washington State Dangerous Waste Regulations (WAC 173-303-070(8)). These regulations specify the total amount of waste the Disposal of Toxics Program can accept from an SQG.

To qualify as an SQG, you may not generate per month or batch, more than the following amount of waste:

- 220 pounds (100 kilograms; equal to approximately 25 gallons of liquid) of most dangerous wastes (such as solvent based paints, fuels, inks and toners, certain solvents and photographic chemicals), OR
- 2.2 pounds (1 kilogram; equal to approximately 1 quart of liquid) of extremely hazardous waste (certain original unused products such as cyanides, pentachlorophenol, and certain pesticides).

or store more than:

- 2200 pounds (1000 kilograms; equal to approximately 250 gallons of liquid) of most dangerous wastes, OR
- 2.2 pounds (1 kilogram; equal to approximately 1 quart of liquid) of extremely hazardous wastes.

What if I have more waste than the amounts listed above?

If in any month you generate or store more than the stated amounts of waste, you must comply with the Washington State Dangerous Waste regulations in their entirety. The Disposal of Toxics Program staff can give you information on disposing of larger quantities of wastes and work with you to reduce the amount of waste you generate.

What information should I provide to describe the waste I want to bring in?

By completing the SQG Designation Form you will provide the Disposal of Toxics staff with the information needed to determine if your waste can be accepted at the Disposal of Toxics Facility.

Most businesses have copies on file of the Safety Data Sheet (SDS) for the hazardous materials they use, or they can obtain

copies from product suppliers. An SDS will list the hazardous constituents of each product, such as mineral spirits, toluene, or benzene. If you have an SDS for the waste you want to dispose of, include a copy when returning your SQG Designation Form.

What if I don't have a good description of the waste I want to bring in?

Unknown wastes cannot be accepted under this program but may be resubmitted once a satisfactory description is available. Testing by an analytical laboratory may be necessary. In the future, keeping an exact documented description of your waste is an excellent waste management practice.

Are there any wastes that are not accepted from SQGs at the Disposal of Toxics Facility?

Certain wastes are not accepted by the Disposal of Toxics Program. These wastes include the following:

- Asbestos
- Radioactive wastes
- Explosives
- Non-propane cylinders
- Ammunition
- Unapproved drug lab wastes
- Unusable latex paint
- Infectious (medical) wastes
- Empty containers
- Unknown wastes

What type of containers can I use to bring my waste in?

If the waste is still in its original container, keep it there. If the waste is not in its original container, label the container clearly with the chemical contents. Do not mix different wastes together. Keep them in separate labeled containers.

Secure all containers during transport so that they won't spill, leak or tip over.

Where do I bring my waste, and when can I drop it off?

After Disposal of Toxics staff have received and reviewed your SQG Designation Form you will receive authorization to bring your waste to the Disposal of Toxics Facility located at 3505 Airport Drive, Bellingham. The facility is closed on all Whatcom County holidays. Bring your material to the Disposal of Toxics Facility during regular open hours.

Disposal of Toxics Facility, Open Hours: Monday - Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
First Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

How much will it cost me to drop off the waste, and how should I pay?

The Disposal of Toxics Program charges small quantity generators for wastes delivered. A current price list is provided on the Whatcom County website. Please contact the facility with any questions. Facility staff will tally total charges for the amount of waste you bring in. You will be invoiced for the total charges within 30 days. Please keep your copy of the Check-in Receipt and Certification Statement for your records.

Where can I go for more information?

Contact Disposal of Toxics staff at (360) 380-4640 or email jnyland@cleanearthinc.com for more information on waste reduction, recycling and reuse alternatives.

Contact the Washington State Department of Ecology at (206) 594-0000 or visit their website at www.ecy.wa.gov for more information on hazardous waste disposal, recycling, and reduction opportunities.

Much of the information referenced in this summary is taken from the Washington State Dangerous Waste Regulations, contained in Chapter 173-303 of the Washington Administrative Code (WAC). We encourage you to acquire a copy of these regulations from the Washington State Department of Ecology.