



Very Small Quantity Generator Collection Program Requirements

Commercial Hazardous Waste Factsheet

Very Small Quantity Generators (VSQGs) are allowed to deliver their own waste in their own vehicle to a licensed VSQG Collection Program.

Although program participants pay disposal charges, the programs are intended to provide convenient and cost-effective disposal options. This allows eligible participants to regularly dispose of small quantities of waste rather than accumulate it over a long time period.

Program Requirements

To deliver waste to a VSQG collection program, you must:

- Be a Very Small Quantity Generator, a business, a non-profit or organization that generates less than 100 kilograms (220 pounds or about 22 gallons of liquid) of hazardous waste per month.
- Apply and get approval from the collection program. Some wastes may not be accepted.
- Have or apply for a Hazardous Waste Identification (Waste ID) number if this is required by the collection program you are using.
- Only transport waste from your own business and in your business vehicle.
- Follow the Department of Transportation requirements for transporting hazardous materials. For example, you must use the correct container, appropriately mark and label containers, use a shipping paper and secure the waste in your vehicle. The collection program will help you meet these requirements.

VSQG Collection Programs

This is a list of collection programs currently serving Hennepin County. Each program determines the waste(s) it will accept, its hours of operation and associated charges.

- Stericycle Waste Solutions
Jim Ciolkosz
612-285-9865
- Dakota County Business Hazardous Waste Collection Program
952-891-7557

For information about other disposal options, see the Hazardous Waste Disposal Companies sheet.

Obtaining a Hazardous Waste License in Hennepin County

Managing Hazardous Wastes

Identifying Hazardous Wastes

Identify your wastes by reviewing the labels and looking for key words:

- Flammable
- Latex
- Warning

If there is no label on a container, ask people at your company or site who may be familiar with the material in the container to identify the contents. If you still cannot identify the waste, ask the program operator if you can still bring the unknown waste in.

Containers for Hazardous Waste

Make sure the containers for your wastes are compatible with the waste and in good condition. Do not store hazardous wastes in rusted containers. Make sure each container is labeled, preferably with the original labeling.

Storing Hazardous Wastes

Hazardous wastes should be stored in areas that are acceptable with your local fire marshall. Make sure the containers are stored on an impermeable surface away from floor drains that would allow a spill to escape. Keep containers dry in order to prevent them from rusting and leaking.

Handling Hazardous Wastes

When handling hazardous wastes, protect yourself from possible exposure. Wear protective clothing such as chemically resistant gloves, aprons, long sleeve shirt and pants, and protective eye wear.

How do I transport hazardous wastes safely to a VSQG Collection Program?

Contact the VSQG collection program you are planning to use and find out from them what transport requirements are necessary for you to bring your wastes to their facility. The requirements will be different depending on which collection program you use and the wastes you have.



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