

**Hazardous  
Waste  
Factsheet**

# Hazardous Waste Disposal Program for Thurston County Businesses

*“Businesses are only charged a disposal fee that directly covers the cost to safely recycle or dispose of the waste they bring.”*

## Do You Have Hazardous Waste?

Many small business owners generate hazardous waste, but may not realize that they do. If your business produces wastes such as solvents, oil-based paints, photographic fixers, or flammable wastes, then Thurston County may have a disposal option for you.

Thurston County’s small business hazardous waste disposal program is co-sponsored by the Hazardous Waste Program, which is part of the Thurston County Public Health and Social Services’ Environmental Health Division, and the Thurston County Department of Water and Waste Management. It is set up to allow businesses that generate small quantities of hazardous waste, also called Small Quantity Generators, to dispose of those wastes at HazoHouse, the county’s hazardous waste collection site.

## What is a Small Quantity Generator?

Your business is a Small Quantity Generator if it generates less than 220 pounds (about 27 gallons) 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, 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. The 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 [www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/reg\\_comp\\_guide/](http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/hwtr/reg_comp_guide/) to help determine your regulatory status.

## 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 HazoHouse. HazoHouse is located at the Thurston County Waste and Recovery Center, 2418 Hogum Bay Road in Lacey. HazoHouse is open Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. If your business has not used this service before, you will be asked to sign up at the initial visit, or you can pre-register by calling our office. You will be billed following your visit; no payment is accepted at the site.

Thurston County Public  
Health and Social Services  
Environmental Health Division

412 Lilly Rd. NE  
Olympia, WA 98506-5132  
Hazardous Waste Hotline:  
360-867-2664

TDD Line: 360-867-2603

[http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/  
health/ehhw/index.html](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ehhw/index.html)



## Can I Transport My Own Waste?

Small quantity generators can transport their own waste to the collection site; however, they may be subject to U. S. 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. **DO NOT MIX DIFFERENT TYPES OF WASTES TOGETHER!**

## 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 type of waste. Materials that can easily be recycled are free (uncontaminated used motor oil, lead acid batteries) or low cost (\$0.09 per pound for antifreeze). Paints and related materials cost \$0.77 per pound, and fluorescent lamps cost \$0.12 per foot. Materials that cannot be neutralized, recycled, or rendered non-toxic are more expensive, such as oxidizers for \$2.10 per pound and flammable solids for \$7.75 per pound.

For a current price list, businesses should contact specialists with the Business Pollution Prevention Program at 360-786-5457. Specialists can also assist businesses with questions about designating their hazardous wastes or preparing wastes for secure transport to HazoHouse.

## Reuse Options

An alternative to disposal for surplus materials is to list unwanted products with the Industrial Materials Exchange (IMEX) catalog. Call 206-296-4899 or go to <http://www.govlink.org/hazwaste/business/imex/>.

## The Business Pollution Prevention Team

The Business Pollution Prevention Team is a part of the Thurston County Hazardous Waste Program. We offer free technical assistance to help Thurston County businesses meet the requirements of the Thurston County Nonpoint Source Pollution Ordinance. We also help businesses reduce, recycle, and properly dispose of hazardous waste.

The Pollution Prevention Team provides the following services:

- ◆ Printed and on-line educational material and fact sheets giving you specific information on the best waste management practices for your type of business.
- ◆ **FREE** on-site consultations to help you identify the hazardous wastes your business generates; evaluate methods that could reduce wastes and save you money; and help clarify the regulatory requirements of being a small quantity hazardous waste generator.
- ◆ Information on local disposal options.

For more information, including electronic versions of this and other hazardous waste management fact sheets, call the Thurston County Hazardous Waste Program at 360-867-2664 or TDD 360-867-2603, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. or visit our website at: <http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ehhw/index.html>.

# HAZARDOUS WASTE DISPOSAL RATES

## For Small Quantity Generators

Type of Waste	Cost per Unit
Acids	\$1.19/lb.
Antifreeze	\$0.09/lb.
Bases	\$1.22/lb.
Batteries	
Nickel-Cadmium	\$1.32/lb.
Mercury	\$3.50/lb.
Lithium	\$2.25/lb.
Lead Acid	No charge
CRTs (TVs and Monitors)*	See below
Dental Amalgam Scraps (disinfected)	\$1.58/lb.
Flammable Acids	\$2.19/lb.
Flammable Bases	\$2.26/lb.
Flammable Gases (other than propane)	\$1.36/lb.
Flammable Liquids/Fuels (gasoline, misc. flammable liquids)	\$0.28/lb.
Flammable Solids	\$7.75/lb.
5 Gallon Drum	\$80/drum
Fluorescent Bulbs	
Fluorescent Tubes	\$0.12/ft.
Compact Fluorescent Lamps	\$1.20 ea.
HID Lamps <3"	\$2.50 ea.
HID Lamps >3"	\$3.00 ea.
4' Storage Cartons	\$4.75 ea.
8' Storage Cartons	\$9.50 ea.
Non-Regulated Materials	\$0.26/lb.
Oxidizers	\$2.10/lb.
Paint-Related Materials	\$0.77/lb.
Petroleum-Contaminated Soils	\$0.26/lb.
Propane Tanks - 1 to 5 Gallon Gas Grill-Sized	No charge
Toxic Liquids	\$1.53/lb.
Toxic Solids	\$1.58/lb.
Used Oil	No charge
Used Oil - Contaminated	\$0.30/lb.
Used Oil Filters	\$0.90/lb.
Water Contaminated with Oil	\$0.18/lb.
Overpack Drum - 85 Gallon Metal	\$60.00
Overpack Drum - 95 Gallon Plastic	\$200.00
Overpack Drum - 55 Gallon Metal	\$23.00
Overpack Drum - 55 Gallon Plastic	\$70.00
X-Ray and Photo Fixer (used, containing silver)	No charge

\* CRTs are not accepted at HazoHouse. Televisions, desktop computers, monitors and other electronics can be taken to the Goodwill Lacey Donation Station at the Thurston County Waste & Recovery Center and disposed of free-of-charge. Call (360) 413-7191 for additional information.



Hours of operation: Friday through Monday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

## Charge Account Contract Registration Form

Please print required information in space provided below

Business Name _____	Type of Business _____		
Business Address _____	City _____	ST _____	Zip _____
Mailing Address (if different than business address) _____	City _____	ST _____	Zip _____
Contact Name (for follow up billing questions) _____	Phone _____		
SQG Number _____	Fax _____		

### Certification

According to Washington state law, Chapter 173-303 Washington Administrative Code, a small quantity generator is a business, institution or government office that generates less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month or batch, and less than 2.2 pounds of acute hazardous waste per month. Small quantity generators may accumulate or store no more than 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste on site at any time. Based on state law and the facility operating permit, HazoHouse can only accept wastes from small quantity generators.

I certify that my organization is a small quantity generator as defined by Chapter 173-303 (070) WAC. I understand that I must complete this registration form in order to deliver hazardous waste to HazoHouse. I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the state of Washington that the foregoing statement is true and correct.

### Charge Account Contract

The undersigned agrees to pay all fees associated with the disposal of hazardous waste brought to HazoHouse. The undersigned is liable for payment within 15 working days from the date of the invoice by the Thurston County Department of Water and Waste Management.

The undersigned further agrees to pay all costs associated with any effort or action needed to collect payment of a past due account which require the services of a collection agency, attorney, or other judicial action. The undersigned also agrees that the County may refuse to extend services to any customer with an invoice 30 days past due.

The undersigned agrees that fees are subject to change.

Signature of Owner/Operator or Manager _____	Date _____
Name (Please Print) _____	Title _____



✂