

Hazardous Waste

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Hazardous Waste Update is the Thurston County Business Pollution Prevention Program newsletter for small quantity generators of hazardous waste, such as auto recyclers and auto shops, print shops, schools, painters, fire chiefs, dentists, pesticide applicators, and marinas.

To be taken off or added to this mailing list, call 360-754-4111 or e-mail donnetr@co.thurston.wa.us. We welcome your questions and suggestions!

The Business Pollution Prevention Program, run by Thurston County Public Health & Social Services, Environmental Health Division, works with businesses to reduce, safely store, and properly dispose of small quantities of hazardous waste. The county provides technical assistance, workshops, fact sheets, a disposal site, and Hazardous Waste Line at 360-786-5457. The TDD line is 360-754-2933.



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New Disposal Rates at County Hazardous Waste Facility

New rates for small business hazardous waste disposal go into effect January 1, 2004 at the Thurston County Hazardous Waste Collection Site at HazoHouse. The fees were originally established in June 1996, and at that time did not include fluorescent light tubes or cathode ray tubes (CRTs). Many fees are actually lower with the new rates.

The fees are 100% based on the disposal fees charged to Thurston County by licensed hazardous waste recycling and disposal firms. The new fees and types of waste the county is able to accept are listed on the back of this newsletter.

Any business, institution, or government office that qualifies as a "conditionally exempt small quantity generator" - that is, produces less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month - may dispose of its hazardous waste at the county's facility.

Improvements at HazoHouse

This year saw many improvements to the Hazardous Waste Collection Site at HazoHouse. "The site is now more customer friendly, more convenient, and safer for visitors and staff," says Anne Foutz, Public Services Manager. The site has been revamped to allow for easier drop off and to separate the customers from the waste processing areas. Also, customers are now asked to remain in their vehicles while staff unload and handle all materials.

Another change in operations is that some businesses, once they are registered to use the Hazardous Waste Collection Site, may not need to make an appointment each time they bring in materials. Small businesses that only need to dispose of paint-related wastes, automotive-related wastes, fluorescent tubes, and/or batteries may drop in to use the site during the hours it is open to the public: Friday, Saturday, Sunday, and Monday from 8 am - 5 pm.



Gordon's Garden Center in Yelm decides to go organic. Kellie Petersen and Judy Schelble from Gordon's deliver unwanted pesticides to hazardous waste specialists at the county's hazardous waste facility as part of the nursery's recent move to become pesticide-free.

However, businesses with mixed wastes or wastes that are extremely toxic, reactive, or corrosive, including pesticides and laboratory wastes, should contact the Business Pollution Prevention Program to set up an appointment Monday through Friday from 8 am - 5 pm.

Note that no payments are accepted at the Hazardous Waste Collection Site; when you register you set up a charge account that will be billed each time you use the facility. For more information or to register to use the site, call the Business Pollution Prevention Program at 360-786-5457. The TDD line is 360-754-2933. Our website is www.co.thurston.wa.us/health/ehrp/hwaste.html.

Thurston County Small Business Hazardous Waste Collection Site Fees

Acids	\$1.19 per pound
Alternative – fuel	0.28 per pound
Antifreeze	0.09 per pound
Bases	1.22 per pound
Batteries	
NiCd	1.32 per pound
Mercury	3.50 per pound
Lithium	2.25 per pound
Lead acid	No charge
CRTs*	10.00 per monitor
Flammable acids	2.19 per pound
Flammable bases	2.26 per pound

Flammable gases	1.36 per pound
Flammable solids	7.75 per pound
5 gallon drum	80.00 per 5 gallon drum
Fluorescent bulbs	
Fluorescent tubes	0.12 per foot
Compact fluorescent lamps	1.20 each
HID lamps <3 inches	2.50 each
HID lamps >3 inches	3.00 each
4' storage cartons†	4.75 each
8' storage cartons†	9.50 each
Nonregulated materials	0.26 per pound
Oxidizers	2.10 per pound
Paint-related material	0.77 per pound
Petroleum-contaminated soils ...	0.26 per pound
Toxic liquids	1.53 per pound
Toxic solids	1.58 per pound
Used oil	No charge
Used oil – contaminated	0.30 per pound
Used oil filters	0.90 per pound
Water contaminated with oil	0.18 per pound
Overpack drum – 85 gal metal	60.00 (when available)
Overpack drum – 95 gal plastic ..	200.00 (when available)
Overpack drum – 55 gal metal	23.00 (when available)
Overpack drum – 55 gal plastic ..	70.00 (when available)

Transport Tips

When transporting your wastes to the HazoHouse facility, be sure you do not create a spill in your vehicle from a tipped or leaky container. If you have a small leaking container, place it in a larger non-leaking bucket with a lid and be sure to label it. If you have a large leaking or failing container, call the Business Pollution Prevention Program. A staff member can arrange to bring you an overpack drum in which to safely pack your container. The fees for overpack drums are listed in this table.

*Not accepting at this time.

†Used cartons may be available at a reduced cost.



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