



HAZARDOUS WASTE GENERATOR INFORMATION

For Use in all Areas of Santa Clara County Except Within the Cities of Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, and Gilroy

This document has been prepared to assist owners/operators of facilities in complying with Federal and State laws and County ordinance requirements regarding management of hazardous wastes. If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Hazardous Materials Compliance Division (HMCD) at (408) 918-3400 and ask to speak to the HMCD Phone Duty Officer.

A. What are Hazardous Wastes?

Hazardous Wastes are off-specification, surplus, or spent hazardous chemical products. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Used oil;
- Used antifreeze;
- Spent solvents (e.g., from parts cleaning or dry cleaning);
- Used filters (e.g., oil filters, fuel filters, paint filters);
- Used absorbents from cleanup of spilled hazardous chemicals;
- Surplus/off-specification pesticides, herbicides, etc.

B. Hazardous Waste Generator Program

The County of Santa Clara has maintained a Hazardous Waste Generator Program since 1989. At that time, the State Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the County that authorized the County to inspect all hazardous waste generating facilities for compliance with Health and Safety Code (HSC) Division 20, Chapter 6.5; and Title 22, Division 4.5 of the California Code of Regulations (22 CCR).

In 1997, authority to conduct these inspections was modified when the director of the California Environmental Protection Agency (CalEPA) certified HMCD as the Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) ultimately responsible for several hazardous materials and hazardous waste compliance programs in all areas of the county other than within the cities of Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, and Gilroy, which were themselves certified as CUPAs.

In unincorporated areas of the county and within the cities of Los Altos, Los Altos Hills, Saratoga, and Monte Sereno, HMCD typically performs hazardous waste compliance inspections while visiting facilities to confirm compliance with hazardous materials storage and handling requirements (e.g., Hazardous Materials Business Plan, Underground Storage Tank Law, Hazardous Materials Storage Ordinance, Toxic Gas Ordinance). In the cities/towns of Campbell, Cupertino, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, and San Jose, local fire department hazardous materials programs serve as Participating Agencies (PA) that work closely with HMCD as the County CUPA. In those areas, the PAs inspect for compliance with hazardous materials storage and handling

requirements, Fire Code, and other local codes, while HMCD inspects for compliance with State hazardous waste law and regulations.

C. Hazardous Waste Generator Permit and Fee

All facilities that generate (i.e., produce) hazardous waste are required to report such generation to HMCD regardless of treatment, recycling, or disposal methods used. This may be done by submitting any one of the following documents: a completed Hazardous Waste Generator Permit Application, Hazardous Materials/Waste Registration Form, or selected pages from a Hazardous Materials Business Plan (HMBP). These documents are available on the Internet at www.unidocs.org. Please include in your submittal all hazardous wastes generated at the site, regardless of quantity. The annual permit fee amount is based on total quantity of hazardous waste generated per calendar year. Upon payment of fees, HMCD will issue a Hazardous Waste Generator Permit. Permits are site-specific and non-transferable.

D. Operating Requirements

Facilities that generate hazardous waste must operate in accordance with applicable requirements of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR); Health and Safety Code (HSC); Title 22 California Code of Regulations (CCR); and Chapter XV of Division B11, Santa Clara County Ordinance Code. For a complete citation of these laws and regulations, it is recommended that you use the Internet. Title 22 CCR is available at www.calregs.com. Chapter 6.5 of HSC at www.leginfo.ca.gov/calaw.html. Title 40, CFR at www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/retrieve.html, and Division B11 of the County Ordinance Code at www.EHinfo.org. If you would like to discuss any interpretations of these laws or regulations, please call HMCD at (408) 918-3400 and ask for the Hazardous Materials Program Manager.

E. Additional Information

EPA ID Number - Most sites that generate hazardous wastes must obtain an EPA ID Number. In many cases, this number can be obtained from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) by submitting DTSC Form 1358 (available at www.dtsc.ca.gov). If a Federal number is required instead, you can obtain one by calling the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) at (415) 495-8895.

Small Business Hazardous Waste Disposal Program - Santa Clara County's Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program operates a hazardous waste disposal program for facilities that generate less than 100 kilograms (approximately 200 pounds or 27 gallons) of hazardous waste per month. For more information, or to schedule an appointment to drop off waste at one of the HHW Program's facilities or events, call (408) 299-7300.

Websites - Many forms and guidance documents are available on the Unidocs website at www.unidocs.org and on HMCD's website at www.EHinfo.org.