

Your organization is considered a conditionally exempt generator if it:

- produces less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste each month (approximately 25 gallons of liquid waste with a weight comparable to water)
- produces less than 2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous waste each month
- accumulates no more than 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste on site.

To determine if you might be considered a CEG, estimate the waste you produce each month and inventory the hazardous waste you currently have on hand.

If your organization generates less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month and stores less than 2,200 pounds on site, you qualify as a CEG and may be eligible for this program. To participate, you must complete the registration process described in this brochure.

If your organization generates more than 220 pounds of hazardous waste per month or stores more than 2,200 pounds on site, you must manage your waste according to stricter regulation and are not eligible for this program.

For more information

Call the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality at (503) 229-5412.

What's the best way to dispose of hazardous waste?

Hazardous wastes should always be disposed of at a designated hazardous waste management or recycling facility. Hazardous waste should not be disposed of with ordinary garbage, or poured into the sewer system, down storm drains or onto the ground. If disposed of improperly, hazardous waste can harm the environment, humans and wildlife. Proper hazardous waste management makes good business sense, too, and can reduce your economic liability for cleanups, reduce your insurance costs and minimize employee exposures.

What are the disposal options?

A number of private companies provide hazardous waste management services to businesses and organizations in the metro area. Metro also collects hazardous waste from business that generate small amounts of hazardous waste – known as conditionally exempt generators (CEGs). If your business or organization is a CEG, you may be eligible to participate in the program, which is co-sponsored by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality.



Registering for the program

If you think you qualify as a conditionally exempt generator, call Metro at (503) 234-3000 to request a CEG packet. It includes application materials for the program. You will be asked to complete a hazardous waste inventory form and certify that you are registered as a CEG. If you do not have an EPA/DEQ identification number, you will need to register for one. The notification form is included in the packet.

Scheduling an appointment

After your application has been reviewed, a Metro employee will call you. He or she will provide you with a disposal cost estimate based on the information you submitted and will schedule a disposal appointment.

Disposal fees

Disposal fees, based on the type and quantity of waste you bring to the facility, range from approximately \$3 to \$13 per gallon. When you arrive for your appointment, a Metro employee will inventory your waste and give you a final disposal fee. You will be charged for the actual quantity of waste brought in rather than the volume of the container in which it is stored.

Payment

If you want to be billed for the disposal fee, you must complete a credit application and return it to Metro at least 15 days before your disposal appointment. To request a credit application, call Metro's accounting division at (503) 797-1635. If you have not been approved as a credit customer, you must pay the full disposal fee when waste is accepted at the facility. Metro accepts cash, personal checks with check guarantee cards, business checks, MasterCard and Visa.

Questions?

Call Metro at (503) 234-3000 if you have questions about participating in the CEG collection program. If you have questions about what materials are considered hazardous waste, call DEQ at (503) 229-5412.



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About Metro

Metro serves 1.3 million people who live in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties and the 24 cities in the Portland metropolitan area.

Metro provides transportation and land-use planning services and oversees regional garbage disposal and recycling and waste reduction programs.

Metro manages regional parks and greenspaces and owns the Oregon Zoo. It also oversees operation of the Oregon Convention Center, the Portland Center for the Performing Arts and the Portland Metropolitan Exposition (Expo) Center, all managed by the Metropolitan Exposition-Recreation Commission.

For more information about Metro or to schedule a speaker for a community group, call (503) 797-1510 (public affairs) or (503) 797-1540 (council).

Metro is governed by an executive officer, elected regionwide, and a seven-member council elected by districts. An auditor, also elected regionwide, reviews Metro's operations.

Executive Officer – Mike Burton; Auditor – Alexis Dow, CPA;
Council: Presiding Officer – Carl Hosticka, District 3; Deputy Presiding Officer – Susan McLain, District 4; Rod Park, District 1; Bill Atherton, District 2; Rex Burkholder, District 5; Rod Monroe, District 6; David Bragdon, District 7.

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METRO'S HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAM

Does your business generate hazardous waste?



*For businesses, organizations
and schools that produce
small amounts
of hazardous waste*



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If you use products that are corrosive, ignitable, reactive or toxic, you probably generate hazardous waste. Examples include solvents, paint, pesticides, cleaning solutions and lab wastes. Many types of businesses and organizations create hazardous waste, including:

- construction and painting contractors
- printers
- equipment repair shops
- furniture refinishing shops
- laboratories
- dry cleaners
- metal manufacturing operations
- vehicle maintenance and auto body shops.

