



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
- auto maintenance and body shops
- equipment repair shops
- printers
- dry cleaners
- laboratories
- churches
- schools



## 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 503-229-5263.



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Quality

### About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy, and sustainable transportation and living choices for people and businesses in the region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges and opportunities that affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to providing services, operating venues and making decisions about how the region grows. Metro works with communities to support a resilient economy, keep nature close by and respond to a changing climate. Together we're making a great place, now and for generations to come.

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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*

## 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 503-229-5263 and ask for the Hazardous Waste Duty Officer.

## 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, request a CEG application and waste inventory form from Metro. Call 503-234-3000 or visit [www.oregonmetro.gov/ceg](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/ceg).

## 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 around \$3 to \$13 per gallon. When you arrive for your appointment, a Metro employee will inventory your waste and calculate your disposal fee.

## Payment

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, business checks, MasterCard, Visa and American Express.

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 503-797-1577 or download it at [www.oregonmetro.gov/ceg](http://www.oregonmetro.gov/ceg).