



Conditionally Exempt Generator Hazardous Waste Collection Program

State and federal environmental regulations require ALL businesses to manage and dispose of their hazardous wastes properly. Union County Waste Management sponsors collection events for conditionally-exempt small quantity hazardous waste generators (CEGs) by appointment. These collection events allow businesses and other CEGs to dispose of hazardous waste simply and economically.

To participate, businesses must pre-register the waste they want to dispose of on the accompanying form. Participants are required to pay the cost of disposal; Union County pays the cost of the hazardous waste contractor. Prices are generally lower than if a company had arranged for disposal on its own.

All types of businesses use this program, including printers, painters, auto repair shops, manufacturers, labs, government agencies, non-profit organizations, medical offices, and photo processors. Virtually any type of CEG hazardous waste can be accepted, including flammable liquids, corrosives, chemicals, pesticides -- even fluorescent tubes, PCB ballasts, and batteries. The only wastes which **can't** be accepted are radioactive materials, explosives, certain very reactive materials, and "acutely hazardous" wastes.

What is a CEG?

A Conditionally Exempt Generator is a business or non-residential organization which generates:

- **Less than** 220 pounds of hazardous waste **per month** (this is approximately equal to 25-27 gallons of liquid with a weight comparable to water) **AND**
- **Less than** 2.2 pounds per month of "acutely hazardous" materials, as listed in 40 CFR 261.33.
- **In addition**, no more than 2200 pounds of hazardous waste may be stored at your facility at any one time during the calendar year. Call for more information about determining your generator status.

In accordance with state and federal regulations, only CEG waste may be accepted through this program. Larger generators must follow more stringent reporting and waste management procedures and are not eligible to use these collection events.

How much does it cost?

Costs range from \$1.00 to \$13.00 per gallon, depending on the type of waste. Both liquid and solid wastes will be charged according to the size of the container. *This means that if you bring in a five-gallon bucket which contains three gallons of waste, you will be charged for five gallons.* Obviously, it will be a good idea to combine wastes which are the same to maximize container space. For example, if you have a five-gallon bucket containing three gallons of latex paint and two one-gallon cans of latex paint, pour the gallon cans into the bucket (throw away or recycle the empty cans). However, **DO NOT MIX WASTES OF DIFFERENT TYPES.** Mixing different waste types creates a mixture which is potentially dangerous, difficult to identify and classify, and more expensive for you to dispose of. Call for advice if you are not sure whether or not to combine wastes.

Exceptions to the per-gallon (volume) charge policy are made for wastes having a specific gravity significantly greater than 1.0 (mercury, lead, and similar solids) and for wastes that are deemed reactive (water or air). All of these wastes are charged by weight.

How do I participate?

Step 1: Determine whether or not your company is eligible to participate by evaluating **all** of your waste streams, including wastes not disposed of through this program. Determine which wastes are hazardous. Total the amount of hazardous waste you generate per month.

Step 2: If you qualify, fill out and return the attached application. A clear, complete description of the waste is necessary to classify the waste and determine whether the waste can be accepted. If you're not sure how to classify the waste, check the MSDS, if applicable, for more information. Be sure to complete the inventory sheet by estimating disposal cost for each waste. If you're not sure how to classify a product, call us for help. Be sure to read the "Tips" section on this page for help in avoiding common pitfalls.

Step 3: Disposal costs must be paid on or before the day of the event; waste cannot be unloaded unless we have received payment. Appointment times are assigned to avoid traffic jams and cut processing time. Using this system, most companies can be "in and out" in ten minutes or less.

Step 4: Bring your waste to the Waste-Pro transfer station at the appointed time. As a CEG, you are allowed to transport your own waste. Each container must be clearly labeled and numbered to correspond with the number shown on the inventory sheet. This will help keep the unloading process running smoothly and avoid delays. If you bring waste in 20- to 55-gallon drums, they must be DOT-approved containers. If the drum is dented or corroded, it will need to be transferred into an overpack drum at a cost of up to \$180. Your waste will be inventoried, fees collected, and containers unloaded from your vehicle.

Classifying wastes

Use label information, testing results, or an MSDS to determine which category your waste fits in. Most wastes can be easily classified this way, although some are more complicated. Call if you have questions.

Estimating disposal costs

When listing quantities of waste, be as accurate as possible. Only the waste listed on the inventory sheet will be accepted at the event. Cost is based on the type of waste and the container size, *not the amount of waste in the container*. The HHW specialist may need to adjust costs if waste has been misclassified or for other reasons. Amounts will be rounded to the nearest gallon. Also, the smallest billing amount is one gallon, so if you have one, two or three quarts of flammable paint, for example, we must charge \$4.00, not \$1.25, \$2.50 or \$3.75.

Got any handy tips?

Yes. They are:

- 1) Please send MSDS's.
- 2) Please complete the entire form, **including cost and hazard class**. If corrections are necessary, we'll call.
- 3) When listing wastes, combine all the wastes that are in the same hazard class. For example, if you have oil-based paint in gallon cans, five-gallon buckets, and quart cans, list it all on one line on the inventory sheet. Just tell us how many containers of each size there are. In this case, spray paint cans would be listed separately, however, since they are priced and handled differently (aerosols vs. flammable paint).
- 4) When listing wastes, consider the possibility of disposing of them in alternative ways. For example, latex paint can be accepted as normal trash if you solidify it and obtain a special waste permit from us. Also, some two-part resins and epoxies can be combined, hardened, and dumped. Non-toxic liquids can sometimes be accepted in the sewer system for free; ask your local wastewater treatment facility for more information.
- 5) Don't send checks with your application unless you are very confident that you have classified and inventoried your waste correctly. Also, please sign your application. Unsigned or incomplete applications cannot be processed.
- 6) When you bring your waste to the event, please be on time and bring the confirmation sheet we will send you. The confirmation sheet, which contains a summary of your waste inventory, will be your receipt and proof of disposal.
- 7) **Call us at 541-963-5459 if you have any questions. Our fax number is 541-963-8212, City Garbage Service 3412 Hwy 30 La Grande, Oregon 97850 or E-mail to: DLarvik@citygarbageservice.com**

APPLICATION FORM

1. COMPANY INFORMATION

Company name _____ Type of business _____

Mailing address _____ Site address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Contact person _____ Telephone _____ Fax number _____

E-Mail Address _____

2. WASTE STREAM EVALUATION

Evaluate all the waste your company generates, including waste streams that will not be disposed through this program. Determine the total amount of hazardous waste produced per month.

Total amount of hazardous waste produced per month: _____ gallons or _____ pounds.

Has your company at any time this year stored more than 2200 pounds of hazardous waste on site? _____

3. CERTIFICATION

I certify that my business generates less than 220 pounds (100 kilograms) of hazardous waste or 2.2 pounds of acutely hazardous waste per month, and has stored less than 2200 pounds of hazardous waste during the calendar year. I must pre-register waste to be disposed of, and pay disposal costs on or before the day of the collection event. I understand that only the types and amounts of waste listed in Section 4 and approved by Union County can be disposed of through this program. I understand that Union County does not assume liability for this waste and that any future liability will remain the responsibility of my company. All of the information provided on this application is true, complete, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I have read and understand the requirements for participation in the Union County Conditionally Exempt Generator Hazardous Waste Collection.

Signed _____ Date _____

Name (print) _____ Title _____

CEG

Union County Waste Management Waste Inventory Sheet

			For Office Use	
Item #	WASTE DESCRIPTION <small>(Trade name, product use, chemical family, physical state, ingredients, and percentage)</small>	AMOUNT <small>(Container size and number)</small>	PRICE <small>Per gallon or pound</small>	TOTAL DISPOSAL CHARGE
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