

As a business owner/operator, it is your responsibility to ensure that all wastes generated by your business are disposed of in a way that does not harm the environment.

You are considered a **Small Quantity Generator or "SQG"**, if your business produces 220 to 2,200 pounds of hazardous waste in any calendar month.

SQG's are required to do the following:

- Determine hazardous waste volumes and types.
- Contract with a licensed hazardous waste transporter to remove hazardous waste from their business
- Acquire an EPA identification number from the State of Florida's Department of Environmental Protection

SQG's can accumulate hazardous waste for up to 180 days before having a licensed hazardous waste transporter remove it from their business.

You are considered a **Conditionally Exempt Small Quantity Generator or "CESQG"**, if your business produces less than 220 pounds of hazardous waste in a calendar month.

CESQG's may transport their own waste to an appropriate disposal or treatment facility, or hire a licensed hazardous waste transporter to remove hazardous waste from their businesses. CESQG's may also use Hernando County's Hazardous Waste Collection Center, located at the Northwest Waste Management Facility. Payment for the cost of disposal must be made at the time of delivery.

## What is Hazardous Waste?

Hazardous waste is considered any waste material that is so flammable, corrosive, or toxic that it creates a possible threat to human health or the environment. The following are examples of regulated hazardous waste generated by businesses:

Flammables: oil-based paints, mineral spirits, solvents, fuels, aerosols

Corrosives: caustics (paint stripper, drain opener, quick lime), acids (battery acid, muriatic acid, chlorine, rust remover, drain cleaner)



Toxics: pesticides, wood preservatives, paint removers, dry cleaning fluids,

photographic fixers, parts cleaners, fungicides, herbicides

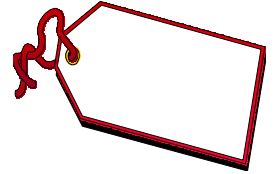


Universal Wastes: fluorescent bulbs, PCB containing ballasts, mercury containing devices (thermostats, thermometers, float switches, rechargeable batteries)

Automotive: used oil, antifreeze, brake fluid, transmission fluid, oil filters

## Labels

Labels provide an immediate warning to your employees of the hazards to which they may be exposed.



All hazardous waste must be properly labeled, prominently displayed, easily read, and marked with the following information:

- Identity of the hazardous chemical or hazardous waste.
- Hazard warning statements (any words, pictures, or symbols that convey health or physical hazards of the chemical or waste).
- Emergency phone numbers.

## Keep Records !!!

- A hazardous waste generator is responsible for maintaining accurate records of the storage, transport and disposal of their hazardous waste.
- The State of Florida requires businesses to use the Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest when shipping hazardous waste for disposal. It is a multi-copy document that must accompany all hazardous waste shipments.

## Material Safety Data Sheet

Some hazardous wastes are chemicals that require Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS), which must be obtained from the manufacturer at the time any hazardous chemical is purchased.

The purpose of the Material Safety Data Sheet is to familiarize the user of chemicals to any hazards associated with that chemical.

MSDS contain valuable information such as:

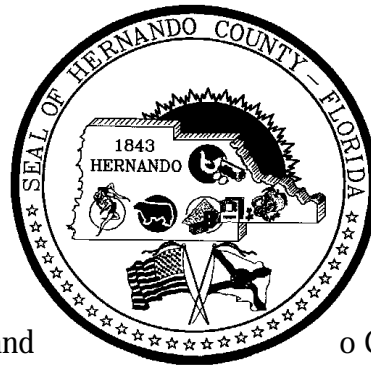


- The identity (trade name) on the label
- Physical and chemical characteristics
- Physical hazards, including the potential for fire, explosion, and reactivity
- Health hazards, including signs and symptoms of exposure
- Primary routes of entry (inhalation, ingestion, absorption, and injection)
- General precautions for safe handling and use, including hygienic practices and procedures for a cleanup of spills and leaks
- Emergency and first aid procedures

All generators of hazardous waste materials are required by law to identify and evaluate their waste. Keeping a file with all the Material Safety Data Sheets for the chemicals used by your business will help identify your waste and maintain compliance. All employees must have easy access to MSDS.

**The Small Quantity Generator and Pollution Prevention Program is designed to help educate businesses on the proper handling, storage and**

**disposal of hazardous waste. Its purpose is to reduce the risk of exposure to your employees and the potential release of contaminants to the environment.**



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