

## Waste Type and Cost

There is a small handling fee involved in the collection of hazardous waste from your business. Disposal costs depend on the type of waste.

Aerosols	\$1.67 / pound
Automobile motor oil	\$1.67 / gallon
Anti-freeze	\$1.67 / gallon
Contaminated oil	\$8.36 / gallon
Car batteries	\$1.67 / each
Corrosive liquids, solids	\$3.35 / pound
Flammable liquids, solids	\$1.67 / pound
Fluorescent Tubes/Bulbs	\$2.51 / each
Mercury	\$25.09 / pound
NiCad Batteries	\$3.35 / pound
Alkaline Batteries	\$2.50 / pound
Oil Base Paints	\$1.67 / pound
Oil Filters	\$1.67 / each
Oxidizer liquids, solids	\$3.35 / pound
PCB Ballasts	\$6.69 / pound
Pesticides (most)	\$3.35 / pound
Television & Monitors	\$13.38 / each
Additional Handling	\$100.36 / hour

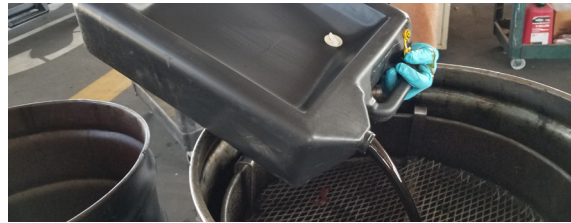
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### WE CANNOT ACCEPT:

- \* Radioactives
- \* Asbestos
- \* Water reactives
- \* Explosives
- \* Compressed gas cylinders
- \* Remediation wastes
- \* Medical or biohazardous waste

## Recycling Used Motor Oil & Oil Filters Is the Right Thing to Do

- Dumping used oil (or any chemical) is a crime, *legally and environmentally*
- Dumped oil contaminates ground water, *our drinking water source*
- Used oil is insoluble and can contain toxic chemicals
- Used oil kills plant and aquatic life
- One pint of used oil can create an acre-sized oil slick on surface waters



### Facts to Remember When Recycling Oil

- Drain your oil from cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats, recreational vehicles, lawnmowers, etc., into a reusable, sealable container.
- Do not dump oil on the ground, in the gutter or storm drain, or throw in the trash.
- Do not mix anything with the oil (water, paint, pesticides, solvents, diesel, antifreeze or gasoline).

## Hazardous Waste Disposal FOR SMALL BUSINESSES



**VERY  
SMALL  
QUANTITY  
GENERATOR  
PROGRAM**

### San Bernardino County Fire Protection District VSQG Program

2824 East "W" Street, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0799  
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<http://www.sbcfire.org/ofm/hhw/SmallBusinessWaste.aspx>  
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# What Is a VSQG?

A business that generates less than 27 gallons or 220 pounds of hazardous waste, or 2.2 pounds of extremely hazardous waste per month is called a **Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG)**. San Bernardino County Household Hazardous Waste Program provides waste management services to VSQG businesses. The most common VSQGs in San Bernardino County are painters, print shops, auto shops, builders, agricultural operators and property managers, but there are many others. When you call, be ready to describe the types and amounts of waste your business generates in a typical month.

If you generate hazardous waste on a regular basis, you must:

- \* Register with San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Hazmat Division at: 909.386.8401 as a hazardous waste generator.
- \* To obtain an EPA ID# and application form from the State visit: [www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov).
- \* Manage hazardous waste in accordance with all applicable local, state and federal laws and regulations.



## Why Is the Fire Protection District Collecting Hazardous Waste?

Very Small Quantity Generators often have difficulty disposing of small quantities of hazardous waste. Hazardous waste companies usually have a minimum amount of waste that they will pick up, or charge a minimum fee for service. Typically, the minimum fee exceeds the cost of disposal for the hazardous waste. This leaves the very small quantity generator in a difficult situation.

Some respond by storing hazardous waste until it becomes economical for the hazardous waste transporter to pick it up, putting the business out of compliance by exceeding regulatory accumulation time limits.

Other businesses simply store their hazardous wastes indefinitely, creating an unsafe work environment and exceeding accumulation time limits.

Yet other businesses attempt to illegally dispose of their waste at household hazardous waste collection facilities. These facilities are not legally permitted to accept commercial wastes, nor are prepared to provide legal documentation for commercial hazardous waste disposal. In answer to the problems identified above, the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Household Hazardous Waste Program instituted the **VERY SMALL QUANTITY GENERATOR PROGRAM**.

## How Do I Get Service?

To arrange an appointment for the VSQG Program, call 1.800.645.9228 or 909.382.5401. Be ready to describe the type and amount of hazardous waste your business is ready to dispose of, and the types and size(s) of containers that the waste is in.

## Are There Any Other Ways That I Can Save Money on Hazardous Waste Disposal?

Yes! First, start by reducing the amount of waste that you produce by changing processes or process chemicals, at your business. Next, examine if there is a way that you can recycle your waste back into your processes. Network with similar businesses or trade associations for waste minimization and pollution prevention solutions.

## What If Your Business Does Not Qualify?

Call the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District Hazmat Division for assistance with hazardous waste management at 909.386.8401. If you reduce the amount of waste you generate each month to 27 gallons or less, you may qualify in the future.

## What Happens to Your Hazardous Waste?

Hazardous waste collected by the VSQG Program is transported to a state permitted processing facility in San Bernardino. The waste is further processed at this point and packaged for off-site recycling (oil filters, oil, latex paint, antifreeze, and batteries) or destructive incineration (pesticides, corrosives, flammables, oil based paint).

## Payment for Services

The VSQG Program will prepare an invoice for your business at the time of service. You can pay at the time of service with credit or a check, or you can mail your payment to the Fire Protection District within 30 days. The preferred method of payment is to handle payment at time of service. Additional charges may apply for accounts not paid within 30 days.

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