



Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) Program - Hazardous Waste Disposal for Businesses & Agencies



Small businesses, non-profits, and agencies operating in San Mateo County may qualify to participate in the Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) Program - an inexpensive hazardous waste recycling and disposal option! Does your business qualify? (See Step 1)

Typical Wastes Accepted

Typical VSQG hazardous waste includes: latex paint, thinner, varnish, stains, oil-based paint, flammable solids, solvents (chlorinated and non-chlorinated), aerosol cans, inks, acids and bases, photo-chemicals, poisons, pesticides, batteries, fluorescent light tubes, and other wastes.

What is the Cost?

The cost of disposing of hazardous waste depends on the type and amount of the waste. Charges for disposal range from \$1.25 to \$22.00 per gallon for most waste types. The fees charged are pro-rated on a per-gallon basis, and are typically lower than a licensed commercial hazardous waste hauler (See Rate Schedule, below).

Unacceptable Wastes

Containers larger than 5-gallons are not accepted. The program does not accept:

- Asbestos
- Compressed Gas Cylinders (except propane)
- Electronic Wastes and Appliances
- Explosives and Ammunition
- Medical/Biological Wastes
- Pressure-Treated Wood
- Radio Active Wastes
- Tires

How the Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) Program Works:

Step 1: Determine if you qualify as a VSQG?

A business that generates less than 100 kilograms (27 gallons or 220 pounds) of waste per month qualifies as a VSQG. Some businesses do not generate waste on a regular basis, but can qualify by having common hazardous wastes on site for less frequent disposal. (California Health & Safety Code, Section 25218.1; Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, section 261.5.)

Step 2: Get an EPA ID number

If needed, obtain an EPA ID Number from the State Toxic Substances Control Board. Call 1-800-618-6942 or see http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PublicationsForms/upload/OAD_EPA_ID_FS.pdf

Step 3: Prepare an Itemized Waste Inventory List

Prepare an itemized inventory list of the amount and types of hazardous waste, including container size that you have to dispose.

Step 4: Make an Appointment

Drop-offs are **by appointment only** on the first and third Wednesday of the month, between 10am & 2pm. To make an appointment, have your EPA ID number and Waste Inventory List ready and **email cesqgsanmateo@pscnow.com**, or call toll free 1-800-207-8222, or fax 1-707-748-3074.

Step 5: Receive Confirmation from the Program

Staff at PSC, our program contractor, will provide you with the total disposal costs and the information for your appointment, including driving directions to the collection location.

Step 6: Package and Transport the waste to your appointment with Payment

Package your waste in sturdy, non-leaking containers that are no larger than 5-gallons or 50 pounds in size. If a container is fragile or leaking, place it in a larger container to confine the waste. Do not mix different wastes in the same container. We recommend that you secure the wastes upright in the trunk of your vehicle such that spillage is minimized during transport to your scheduled appointment. Bring your PAYMENT with you (payable to San Mateo County). You will be issued a receipt for the disposal costs.

Don't qualify for the VSQG Program?

If you generate more than 100 kilograms of waste per month, contact the County's Hazardous Waste Department at www.smhealth.org/vsqq or 650-372-6200 to request a list of commercial hazardous waste haulers.

San Mateo County Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG) Program Rate Schedule		
Appointment Processing Fee	\$25.00	
Waste Category	Cost Per Gallon	Cost Per Pound
Acid - Inorganic	\$6.00	\$6.00
Acid - Organic	\$6.00	\$2.00
Acid - Oxidizing	\$8.00	\$5.00
Aerosols - Corrosive		\$3.00
Aerosols - Flammable		\$3.00
Antifreeze	\$1.40	
Ballasts		\$3.00
Base - Inorganic	\$6.00	\$2.00
Base - Organic	\$6.00	\$2.00
Base - Oxidizing	\$8.00	\$5.00
Class 9 Non-RCRA Liquids	\$8.00	
Class 9 Non-RCRA Solids		\$2.50
Compact/Fluorescent Light Bulbs (piece or unit)		\$3.00
Flammable - Liquids, Bulked	\$3.00	
Flammable - Liquids, Non-Bulked	\$5.00	
Flammable - Solids		\$3.00
Fluorescent Light Bulbs (Linear Foot)		\$0.14
Household Batteries (Non recyclable)		\$0.90
Household Batteries (Recyclable)		\$0.90
Latex Paint (Non recyclable)	\$2.00	
Latex Paint (Recyclable)	\$4.00	
Lead Acid Battery	n/c	n/c
Mercury		\$12.00
Mercury (Thermostats)		\$12.00
Motor Oil	\$1.25	
Oil Filters		\$1.25
Oil-Based Paint & Related	\$5.00	
Organic Peroxide	\$8.00	\$6.00
Other	TBD	TBD
Oxidizer - Neutral	\$10.00	\$2.00
PCB Containing Paint	\$15.00	
PCB Waste - Other		\$3.00
Poison - Liquids	\$8.00	\$2.50
Poison - Solids	\$5.00	
Propane Cylinders		\$15.00/ea
Reactives	\$22.00	