

EPA'S SMALL BUSINESS HAZARDOUS WASTE GUIDE

Updated Version Available



Does your business generate hazardous waste? Many small businesses do. If you need help understanding which federal hazardous waste management regulations apply to your business, the “MANAGING YOUR HAZARDOUS WASTE: A Guide for Small Businesses” handbook is for you. It has been updated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to help small-business owners and operators understand how best to comply with federal hazardous waste management regulations.

This handbook provides an overview of the federal hazardous waste regulations to give you a basic understanding of your hazardous waste management responsibilities.

“Do hazardous waste regulations apply to me?” “How do I know which generator category I am?” “What kinds of requirements do I have to follow?” The handbook answers these questions and more, and shows you how to get answers to further questions that you may have. It also shows you how to find your state and local hazardous waste requirements, which can be more stringent than the federal rules.

The guide has been updated to reflect the changes in EPA’s comprehensive 2016 revision to the hazardous waste regulations, called the Hazardous Waste Generator Improvements Rule (www.epa.gov/hwgenerators/final-rule-hazardous-waste-generator-improvements). The guide describes the new flexible standards for generators (e.g., episodic generation, and consolidation of waste from very small quantity generators at “same company” large quantity generators) and changes to other areas of the hazardous waste generator regulations, such as hazardous waste determinations, marking and labeling of hazardous waste units, emergency preparedness, and closure.

This handbook will help you get your facility on the road to proper hazardous waste management, a critical step in protecting human health and the environment.

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